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FILE PHOTO

The Alexander Hamilton statue, silhouetted dramatically against campus lights at night, was a welcome sight after it was returned to its home on Tuesday. The bronze statue, a victim of vandals, had been absent from its granite pedestal since April 1.

Vandals refuse to quit

Fire extinguisher discharged in faculty offices, window smashed in latest incident

By Gabriel Meyer '96
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Hamilton's vandalism epidemic continued without respite during the first week of classes following the Thanksgiving holiday.

In recent days, faculty offices in the History and Sociology departments were struck by chemicals from a discharged fire extinguisher, a window of the Residential Life Office was smashed, and a door to the Kirner-Johnson building was kicked in, only days after it had last been replaced. Additionally, an outdoor sculpture, which was vandalized several weeks ago, was removed for repair.

No suspects have been identified in connection with any of the incidents. Details of the incidents remain sketchy and a spokesperson for College Safety declined comment. Director of College Safety Pat Ingalls could not be contacted.

These recent acts of vandalism are part of a long string of events which began following the release of the Report of the Committee on Residential Life last March. Since that time, the College's Alexander Hamilton statue was toppled, trees were chopped down, a rash of graffiti plagued the campus, and numerous broken windows were broken.

Some students have mobilized against the vandalism in recent weeks, posting flyers urging their peers to report all vandalism and take an active role in preventing

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Funds allocated to restore student aid loans

By Gabriel Meyer '96
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

President Eugene Tobin announced Monday that the College has restored several depleted loan funds, retroactive to the beginning of the current academic year. These loan funds are used primarily by international students. Their depletion caused speculation and concern among many of these students, who would be unable to afford their Hamilton tuition without the funds.

The loan funds have been restored using a temporary transfer of $400,000 from the "quasi-endowment," a portion of the College's endowment which provides reserves funds for use in emergencies. This portion of the endowment consists of bequests and unrestricted gifts to the College is designated by the Board of Trustees.

In a letter to the Hamilton Community Tobin stated, "In making the decision to restore the loan program, I am acknowledging the intellectual excellence, academic distinction, and cultural enrichment that international students bring to Hamilton. I am also honoring the College's continuing commitment to current students."

Ali Hilaly '98, who chairs the Student Assembly Ad Hoc Committee on Financial Aid said following

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Alexander Hamilton statue comes home after eight-month absence

By Scott D. Kocher '97
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

The Alexander Hamilton statue, which has stood on a pedestal facing the Chapel since 1918 as the namesake of the College, was returned to campus after extensive repairs. At 3 a.m. on Saturday, April 1, presumably as part of an April Fools stunt, the seven-foot, 900-pound bronze statue and its pedestal were pulled down by unidentified individuals using a campus construction crew's dumptruck. The statue was severely damaged, and underwent months of repair following the incident.

On Tuesday, November 28, the statue was quietly replaced on its pedestal in front of the Chapel. John von Bergen, a 1963 graduate of Hamilton and a sculptor, repaired the statue in his Clinton studio.

"The repairs ended up taking longer than I thought," said von Bergen. "I worked conservatively at first, but I realized that doing so would take me too long to complete the job."

Repairs to various cracks in the statue and the reattachment of Alexander Hamilton's arm were necessary. The arm was broken off when the statue was torn down from its pedestal and landed on its side. Gouges in the figure's ankles from the chain used to pull it down were also mended.

In addition, von Bergen repaired damage which was present prior to the incident in April. This damage included purple and white paint re-

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David Townsend '97 elected next *Spectator* editor-in-chief by Student Media Board

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The Spectator Staff

The Student Media Board elected David H. Townsend '97 *Spectator* Editor-in-Chief in its Tuesday night meeting. Townsend, who will assume his editorship beginning in January 1996, will replace outgoing Editor-in-Chief Gabriel Meyer '96.

"I'm excited about the opportunity ahead," said Townsend. "I feel there is a lot that can be done with a newspaper like *The Spectator*."

A double concentrator in Government and Economics, Townsend has served on *The Spectator* for more than a year. He worked as an Arts & Entertainment editor before moving into his current position of Managing Editor.

In the year ahead, he has plans to focus on issues both on campus and from around the world.

"*The Spectator* can and should be a vehicle for members of our community to discuss and possibly come closer to resolutions on issues that effect us all," Townsend said.

"Producing a newspaper every week is not an easy thing, and producing a good newspaper every week is certainly a hard thing," he said.

"I think Dave will be a great editor," said Meyer, who will produce his final issue of *The Spectator* next week. "Having worked with him for a year, I know he has the energy and stamina it takes to do the job. I wish him the best of luck."

"Dave is willing to tackle head-on the many issues facing the College," said Jacob Stetser '98, the current News Editor. "He is a leader and a listener, and a respected friend."

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Vandalism epidemic that won't quit described as the worst in memory

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these incidents. On Friday, November 17, more than 50 students attended an anti-vandalism rally in the Chapel. President Tobin also took part in the event.

Sentiments have been rising among faculty as well. At a meeting last month, the faculty unanimously approved a resolution calling for any student charged with an act of vandalism to be turned over to outside authorities.

No suspects have been apprehended in connection with any of the incidents since they began last March.

Fire extinguisher creates indoor blizzard

Faculty in the Sociology and History departments reported that sometime Wednesday night, someone removed a fire extinguisher and discharged its chemical contents under the doors of more than five offices, leaving a white, powdery dust behind.

"It's everywhere," said Sociology Professor Dan Chambliss. "In my office, you pick up a book and you see the outline of it clear as day."

"This stuff is dangerous," Chambliss said. The chemicals in the extinguisher, ammonium phosphate and ammonium sulfate mixed in a base of an inert mineral, can cause skin and eye irritation , and are harmful if inhaled. Unlike other incidents of vandalism. Chambliss said, this one can pose a health threat.

"I got in here this morning, and they were cleaning my office," said Sociology Professor Gwendolyn Dordick. "Someone went ape-**** with a fire extinguisher."

Faculty were advised not to use their computers until cleaning was completed, as the fine particles from the chemical dust posed the potential to seriously damage the delicate machinery.

Dordick reported her computer appeared to be working well after her office was cleaned. She offered her compliments to the cleaning crew for their speedy work.

History Professor Alfred Kelly, whose office was also struck, reported that an even heavier coating of the fire extinguisher chemical was left in the outside hallway and nearby staircase, where people could easily come in contact with it.

Broken Glass

According to Physical Plant's Manager of Building Structural Trades, Tony Poccia, last week's damages stemming from the broken window and door totaled nearly $700. The broken door, he said, had been fixed only two days earlier.

"It's frustrating from this end," Poccia said. "It's the same stuff we've been repairing all the time."

He noted that in his five years at Hamilton, he has never seen as much vandalism in such a short time period.

Another downed sculpture

Only a day after the Alexander Hamilton statue was restored to its pedestal, an iron sculpture on a grassy bluff overlooking Martin's Way was removed by a Physical Plant crew to be taken for repair. The sculpture, created by Hamilton alumnus John von Bergen '63, was pulled down by unknown individuals during the last two weeks and sustained several cracks. Part of its cement foundation was pulled from the ground and will have to be replaced.

Von Bergen, will repair his statue had just finished fixing the Alexander Hamilton statue when he was contacted by Assistant Director of Physical Plant Terry Hawkridge about performing the necessary repair work. Von Bergen was hesitant at first, apparently thinking that the Alexander Hamilton statue had been vandalized again.

"I think he was disgusted," said Hawkridge. "One, that his sculpture was damaged, and two, that this kind of activity was going on at the institution he graduated from."

No estimates of the cost of repairing the sculpture are available yet.

Most vandalism in memory

Hawkridge, who has worked at Hamilton for more than ten years said that he cannot recall a time when there has been so much vandalism.

"There's always miscellaneous damage," he said. "But it hasn't been as constant and steady. This is almost like a campaign of terror. It seems to be a resistance to the residential life changes on campus."

"I think this is fraternity-motivated," Hawkridge said. "That is based on frequency with which the campus has experienced vandalism since the [Residential Life] decision was made. It started with the cutting down of a tree in front of Carnegie, and then there was Alex."

Of campus safety, which has not apprehended anyone in connection with any acts of vandalism, Hawkridge said, "Security will not outrun the people who are doing the damage. They couldn't catch them at Carnegie and they were 60 feet away. The students have got to police themselves."

"The faculty," he added, "are ready to throw someone off the hill."

"Every time an incident occurs, it increases the sentiment in favor of action against people who are doing it," noted Dan Chambliss. "I don't know if that means they will get caught or not. That's a different issue."

He also said that the current rash of vandalism is the worst he's seen at Hamilton in his more than ten years here.

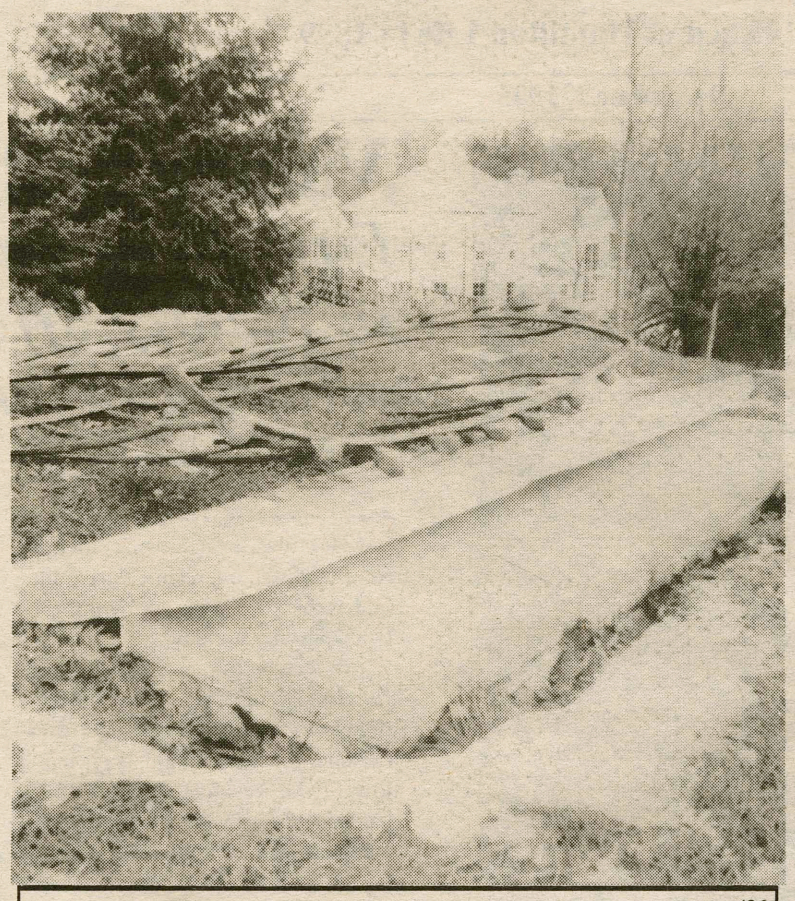

PHOTO BY KATE VAIL '96

John von Bergen's toppled iron sculpture near Martin's Way on Tuesday, before it was removed for repairs.

Hamilton College News Bulletins

WHCL elects new General Manager

In a Tuesday night meeting, the WHCL Executive Board elected Ben Carlisle '97 to be the next General Manager of the radio station. Carlisle, who will oversee all operations of the station, will assume his duties as General Manager in January. He will replace outgoing General Manager Trip MacCracken '96.

"I'm very excited," said Carlisle. "I think it's going to be a great year." "I'm ready to put both feet into the job and I'm glad to have the full board's support," he said.

Prior to his election as General Manager, Carlisle served as WHCL's production manager, a job MacCracken also held before becoming General Manager.

"I think Ben is well prepared to take on the job," said MacCracken. "I have full confidence in his abilities and I'm sure he'll do a great job in the year ahead."

World AIDS Day observed

The tolling of the Chapel bells 15 times at 1:50 this afternoon marked Hamilton College's observance of World AIDS Day. Some students also took part in a candlelight vigil at Grace Church in Utica this evening to mark the event. World Aids Day was created in an effort to increase awareness of the 15-year-old AIDS epidemic.

Raffle and clothing drive mark holiday activities

A HAVOC-sponsored clothing and toy drive and a raffle sponsored by the Newman Council are among the holiday activities taking place this year to help the needy. HAVOC's clothing drive will benefit children with AIDS. The group is also sponsoring a gift drive for these children. Donors may pick up gift tags in the Dean of Students' Office or the Burke Library. Wrapped gifts must be returned to Christmas trees in these locations by noon next Friday.

The Newman Council is sponsoring a raffle to support the rebuilding of a church in Vietnam. Tickets may be purchased for $1 following Newman Mass on Sunday or in Beinecke on Tuesday or Wednesday. The drawing for a Christmas bear will be held on Friday, December 8.

Jennifer Potter Hayes K'73 joins C & D

Registrar of the College, Jennifer Potter Hayes has been promoted as Director of Alumni Affairs and Information Services in the Office of Communications and Development. Hayes became the College registrar in 1993, and has been "instrumental in managing a software transition that enabled her office to better serve the College and its students," said Vice President of C & D Dick Tantillo in a memorandum.

An outdoor Commencement sought by majority of students

By Kate Dahlke '98
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Hamilton College is home to many traditions and history including a commencement ceremony at the end of the year to mark the graduation of the senior class. But over the course of time this ceremony has, according to some students, lost some of its aesthetic beauty when it was moved inside to the Margaret Bundy Scott Fieldhouse.

While many of Hamilton's peer institutions including Williams College and Colgate University have held their graduation ceremonies outside for more than a decade, Hamilton still opts for an indoor graduation.

Senior Class Representative Tim Fox '96 noticed this lost tradition and wanted to change things. He remembers the stories his father shared with him about his own indoor commencement when he graduated from Hamilton in 1959. The 1959 graduation was held in the Sage Rink due inclement weather.

When Fox recalled his father's plight of a hot, stuffy, indoor graduation and the Class of 1994's previous attempt to move graduation outside, he decided to form a committee to lobby for an outdoor ceremony.

The Outdoor Graduation Committee, consists of eight members including Fox. They have met biweekly on Wednesday evenings to discuss the issues surrounding and outdoor graduation. The committee has circulated a petition calling for an outdoor graduation. 337 members of the 440 member senior class have signed it. The petition has also been signed by 605 non-seniors.

The committee has submitted a proposal to College Marshall Carol Bellini-Sharp who organizes each year's graduation ceremony. In its proposal, the committee suggested that Commencement be held on the football field. Spectators would sit in bleachers while faculty and students would sit on the field with a stage set up at one end.

The fieldhouse would be kept as an alternative site in the event of inclement weather.

Fox said that Bellini-Sharp has been receptive to most of the ideas his committee has suggested. Bellini-Sharp, however, is yet to discuss the issue with President Eugene Tobin who will make the final decision regarding an outdoor graduation.

Both students and administrators recognize there are drawbacks to the proposal including financing. Due to the uncertainty of the weather, the College must be prepared to pay for the setup of two graduation sites—on the football field and in the Fieldhouse.

An outdoor Commencement ceremony may present acoustical challenges which may require the use of a hat shell on the stage to aid sound projection.

More important than these obstacles, say many students, is the beauty and general appeal of an outdoor graduation.

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News from other Ivory Towers

--compiled by Joe November '97

Students forced to live in sleazy motels

When Mark Hemingway arrived at the University of Oregon this fall, he found himself, along with over 60 of his fellow students, living not in a dormitory but in a motel. Hemingway's new dorm, the Eugene Motor Lodge, is rundown even as cheap motels go and is overseen by what residents call the "most disturbing hotel management this side of Norman Bates." And it doesn't even have HBO. Located "12 blocks from campus," the motel is situated between two exit ramps of a major interstate highway. The university resorted to the motel-housing as the result of an intentionally-created housing crisis which takes place every year at the University of Oregon. Apparently, though students move out of the dorms by the end of their first semester at the university, creating over 150 vacancies, the University of Oregon then admits 150 more students than it can house and places them in vacated dorm rooms during the second semester. Meanwhile, the university must find alternate housing for housingless students until vacancies appear, forcing them to live in dormitory lounges and in places like the Eugene Motor Lodge.

The Oregon Commentator

Carleton College student freezes to death

John Claymore, an honors student at Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota, would have graduated at the end of this semester had his life not been cut short by an unforgivingly cold night. On November 20, Claymore was found dead in a remote area of the campus by a college-led search effort. Those who saw his body, which was covered by more than a foot of snow when it was located by a police bloodhound, described it as "...absolutely frozen solid, but otherwise unscathed." Claymore's roommates reported him missing on November 17. He had last been seen leaving the college's library the night before. That night was extremely cold, even by Minnesota standards, and the temperature fell to -25 degrees Fahrenheit. Medical examiners determined that the intense cold killed John Claymore, who was wearing only blue jeans and a sweatshirt that evening. The next night it snowed, covering his frozen body. Some students suggest that Claymore was trying to commit suicide by freezing himself to death. Carleton College, located in Minnesota, is known for its harsh winters.

The New York Times

Tobin calls for restoring loan funds

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the announcement, "I feel that this was the best possible outcome. I hope that in future years, this problem will not occur again. I thank the President for his support, and I support his decision entirely."

Hilali's committee was formed a month and a half ago when it became apparent that the loan funds had been depleted and that some international student might be forced to leave the school because they would not be able to meet their financial obligations. Members of the committee met with President Tobin, faculty, and administration members to discuss the situation.

"The President and [Dean of Faculty] Bobby Fong were extremely supportive, after we told them that we felt as students that [the loan depletion] was the College's responsibility, because it had mismanaged the funds," said Hilaly.

Tobin noted in his letter that the loan funds will continue to serve students only if they "accept their individual responsibilities and personal obligations." The loan funds were previously depleted largely because of a repayment default rate of nearly 30 percent.

The restored loan funds primarily serve international students because they lack access to government-sponsored loan programs which most American students have access to.

News Briefs from around the World

--compiled by Matt Nolan '98

Police in Mexico help unload drugs from Colombian flight

An entire detachment of Mexican Federal Police in the Baja California Sur was transferred following an incident earlier this week on a dry lake bed. Witnesses claim that 20 men wearing the black windbreakers of the Federal Police helped unload several tons of cocaine from a jet on an airfield there. According to American and Mexican authorities, the jet's serial numbers were traced to the Cali cartel of Columbia. The commander of the detachment and his 29 officers were transferred to the Federal Police Headquarters in Mexico City, but were not arrested.

6 Day long rail strike keeps French wearing walking shoes

The worst rail strike France has seen in a decade has brought transportation in much of the country to a halt as trains and busses have stopped running. Starting just under a week ago, the strike has created over 300 miles of traffic jams in and around Paris, as suburban commuters attempt to reach their homes each night. The conservative government is at odds with the striking workers over tough budget measures aimed at cutting the country's deficit. State utility workers planned to strike as well, which would cause blackouts in many regions. Fears of pay cuts, job losses, and increased taxes have been cited as being among the concerns of the striking workers.

Critical breakthrough takes place in Irish/British talks

The governments of Britain and Ireland reached a "delicate" compromise Tuesday on critical issues in the negotiations concerning the future of Northern Ireland. The tentative agreement may lead the way for the political element of the Irish Republican Army, Sinn Fein, to be included in talks scheduled for January. In the past British Prime Minister, John Major, has been adamant about the I.R.A. handing over some of the weapons used during its terrorist attacks before they could take part in any dialog concerning Northern Ireland.

— The New York Times

Decision to send 20,000 troops to Bosnia evokes varied reactions

By David H. Townsend '97
MANAGING EDITOR

In a nationally televised address from the Oval Office on Monday, President Clinton announced his decision to send 20,000 U.S. troops to Bosnia as part of a NATO peacekeeping force. The decision to send troops was made in order to secure the recently signed peace accord between the Bosnians, the Serbs and the Croats. In the past, the Balkan conflict has made the U.S. question its foreign policy again and again in an attempt to define its role as an international military and political leader.

The decision has stirred emotions ranging from patriotism to regret in many U.S. citizens' minds. Some feel the U.S. is morally obligated as a leading political and military force to intervene in such a tragic conflict. Others feel the U.S. should adopt a more isolationist attitude and stay away from another country's civil war in order to protect the lives of U.S. soldiers. There are numerous arguments on both sides of the issue.

Arguments for an active U.S. role in Bosnia begin with a feeling that the U.S. has a moral obligation to end the genocide and needless violence that has characterized the Bosnian conflict. Many people take a humanitarian position and argue that the extreme atrocities that are taking place require intervention even if it means placing Americans in jeopardy. Some feel that as guarantor of the recently signed peace pact, the U.S. must send forces to separate warring factions and establish clear borders. They feel that if the President has made a commitment, the country cannot go back on that commitment without the risk of losing credibility in the international community. Some believe that the U.S. is alone in its decision, but in fact, U.S. forces will represent only a third of the 60,000 person NATO force.

In contrast to previous peacekeeping missions abroad, the Bosnian mission has set clear expectations as to what role the soldiers will play. Since they are operating under NATO, not United Nations command, they will have more authority to respond to threats they were unable to retaliate against in Somalia and Haiti. The soldiers will withdraw from the region if the peace pact is violated, a scenario where the troops would be in the most danger. In addition, they will not be responsible for tracking down criminals or coping with refugees.

President Clinton has gone back and forth on a commitment to the Bosnian conflict, but chose now to fully commit and send troops. This decision comes as a reaction to the optimism that characterizes recent discussion of the conflict. It is the first time that the three warring parties, the Bosnians, Croats, and Serbs, signed an agreement that divides land and agrees to a central government. This new form of cooperation after decades of conflict signals a new interest in the establishment of peace.

Arguments against U.S. military involvement have found support among several members of the Republican party in Congress and among many U.S. citizens. Polls taken after the President's address to the nation estimated that public support for sending troops to Bosnia is below 50 percent. It has been argued that there is no vital U.S. interest , security or

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Weekend Weather

Saturday: Mostly cloudy, with a chance of snow showers. Highs in the 30's, lows in the upper 20's.

Sunday: Some sun with highs around 40. Lows in upper 20's.

National News Briefs

--compiled by Matt Nolan '98

President Clinton addresses the nation on sending troops to Bosnia

In an address carried nationally by several networks, President Bill Clinton informed the American public of his intentions to send 20,000 U.S. soldiers to Bosnia. They will be joined by 40,000 other soldiers from NATO countries which will enforce the terms of a peace plan developed in Dayton, Ohio just a few weeks ago. In his address the president stated that the mission was a moral obligation for the country and its NATO allies. Meanwhile he told the public to expect casualties, as not everyone in the former Yugoslavia was ready for the peace plan. He added that the American public could hold him "personally responsible" for any harm that might come to the soldiers. The mission, which is expected to last a year, will involve soldiers from 26 countries including the U.S. and much of western Europe.

Religious Right up in arms over Disney Health Policy for gay employees

In mid-November the Florida Baptist Convention passed a resolution at its annual meeting stating that "Disney's moral leadership has been eroded." The resolution was in reference to a direct attack on the Walt Disney Corporation's policy of extending health benefits to the live-in partners of gay employees. David Canton, the Florida director of the American Family Association, a group organizing a boycott of Disney products, has been involved in efforts to repeal ordinances around the country which guarantee civil rights to gay people. The group charges Disney with losing it's "moral compass" as it grew, and failing to recognize that the move portrayed homosexuality as "being mainstream or normal."

Debate over movie violence flares up again with subway station attack

Following the torching of a New York subway token-booth clerk last weekend, Senate Majority leader and Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole called for a public boycott of the movie "Money Train." Many people believe that the attack last Sunday, which left the clerk in critical condition with burns over 70 percent of his body, was taken from a scene in the movie where a similar attack occurs. The debate over violence in movies and its effect on the public has surfaced many times in the past few years, specifically with the movies "The Program" and "Natural Born Killers." Both movies supposedly inspired teenagers to take action similar to what was portrayed in the movie; in both instances the results were deadly.

Student Assembly passes 11th-hour constitutional amendment to allow elections this semester

By David H. Townsend '97
MANAGING EDITOR

In its weekly meeting on Monday night, the Central Council rushed to pass an amendment to the Constitution shortening the election process so that elections could be held before the end of the semester. The amendment changed the period of time between the due date for candidate platforms and election day from a full week to four days.

Traditionally, the campaigning process begins when the platforms are publicly solicited from the student body. Students wishing to run for office then have 2 weeks to develop and submit their platforms. Under the previous rule, elections would then take place one week later.

This year the Central Council failed to publicly solicit platforms until Wednesday 11/29. Because of the late solicitation, the platforms must be turned in by December 4, and the elections will take place on the 8th. The new amendment allowed this change.

Fred Bush, president of the class of '96, said that the amendment was passed in order to hold elections before winter break and also because it created a better system by ridding the constitution of unclear wording. He questioned the meaning of a week in the previous rule. "What is one week, a work week or a full seven days?"

Other Central Council members disagreed with Bush. "This is definitely not a better system," said Ali Hilaly, "but we did the best we could under the circumstances." Hilaly believes that a longer election process would serve the Assembly better, but questions the significance of the change. When asked if the shortened process would benefit Andrew Edelson, the current president, in seeking another term, Hilaly said, "It will not benefit him any more than his status as incumbent already does."

The Central Council did not have enough members in attendance to vote at the meeting prior to Thanksgiving break, and thus, was unable to solicit platforms earlier, says Edelson. This years Student Assembly's presidential election is rare in that the acting president is running for a second term.

"Even the Student Assembly has come a long way in the past year," says Edelson, "there is still much to be accomplished if we are going to excel." The need for a set of bylaws by which the operational aspects of the Assembly can be governed by has been brought up. As it now stands, the Constitution is the only set of rules for the Assembly to be guided by and any desired change of operating procedure requires a constitutional amendment.

Statue plagued by history of student pranks and costly repairs

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maining after students attempted their own rendition of the comic-book character The Joker many years ago. Two unexplained bullet holes were found and repaired as well. von Bergen also had to recast and remodel a new cane, which has been a popular target of vandalism over the years. Finally, a small patch of half-inch-thick tar was also removed from the top of the statue.

The bill for the repairs of the statue totaled $5,580, plus $600 to repair the granite pedestal and about $250 to reerect Alexander Hamilton on Monday.

von Bergen had difficulty preserving the original finish of the statue during his repairs. One problem was that Patina, the green film produced by the oxidation on the surface of old bronze, is esteemed as being of ornamental value. Returning the statue to this "weathered" appearance posed a formidable challenge.

"The guy who modelled the statue did a beautiful job. The damage is almost a laughing matter, until you work on it for two months straight. [The repairs were] tough on the sculpture."

The Alexander Hamilton statue was donated as a gift to the College in 1918 by Thomas Redfield Proctor, a member of the Board of Trustees, as "a representation of one of the great figures of the nation in its first struggle with a European Power," according to The Evening Post. The statue was presented at Commencement on June 17, 1918. It was sculpted by George T. Brewster and cast in bronze by the Gorham Company.

In his 1918 Commencement address, Senator Elihu Root, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, declared, "the lessons of a century and a quarter have shown that the people of the United States owe to [Alexander Hamilton] a greater debt for the creation of the American Republic than to any other man save Washington." He concluded his remarks with a poignant comment. "This granite may crumble, this bronze may corrode, this college may be dissolved; but the monument of his work will remain."

The Alexander Hamilton statue has been a victim of numerous pranks in the past. In February, 1980, the statue was stolen from its pedestal and driven to a wooded dump area near Vernon Center, where it was found a month later by a local farmer who owned the property. College officials reportedly looked into the possibility of replacing the statue while it was still missing, but ruled that out when they discovered it would cost about $35,000. The return of the statue came on Class and Charter Day, and was marked by a celebration involving faculty and students.

Provost Sidney Wertimer said in 1980 that the administration felt it was doubtful Hamilton College students were involved. Students from other colleges and universities were not ruled out as possible suspects. But the administration and most students today are certain Hamilton students were responsible for the toppling of the statue in April of last year, due to frustration with the trustees and administration over the Residential Life Decision.

Despite concerted attempts to find those who were responsible for last April's incident, Dean of Students Jan Coates said no progress has been made to apprehend the vandals. Two witnesses came forward with information but were unable to provide incriminating evidence. According to Patricia Ingalls, Director of Campus Safety, several males were seen in and around the dumptruck and statue the night of the incident. One witness explained that he saw a student in the truck and two outside it. A chain joined the truck with the statue, which was on the ground at the time. At this point it is unlikely that Campus Safety will ever apprehend the perpetrators.

In a related story, John von Bergen's sculpture, "Sixteen Came Home," which sits atop the grassy bluff along Martin's Way between the Howard Diner and McEwen Dining Hall, was damaged on Tuesday and has been removed for repairs. The ironsculpture, bent off from its stone base and broken in several places, is expected to be costly to repair. Campus Safety currently has no leads as to the culprits in this most recent incident of campus vandalism.

In a telephone interview, von Bergen gave an impassioned appeal to Hamilton students to cease the destruction of such valuable works of art. "It is just a waste," he said.

Some students skeptical of move to send 20,000 U.S. troops to Bosnia

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otherwise, in Bosnia. Many believe that the U.S. should stay out of the affairs of a country across the Atlantic, in a place many American's can't even point out on a map.

Americans aren't the only ones unhappy about NATO's presence in Bosnia; about 45,000 to 60,000 rebel Serbs object to the peace accord, and even in small groups, pose a threat to U.S. troops. The peace accord itself is a matter of speculation because it would not have been signed without U.S. commitment to send troops as enforcers of the pact.

Threats to the U.S. troops are prevalent, and as Clinton said in his address, the mission is not "risk free." In addition to the estimated 6 million land mines that threaten U.S. soldiers, Bosnian Serbs have been bombed by NATO in the past and may view NATO forces as the enemy.

Many argue that the U.S. is being extremely arrogant to think that in a 12 month period its troops will be able to settle an age-old conflict. This line of thought stresses that the decision to send troops may be a futile one due to the region's ongoing internal conflicts.

Here in the Hamilton community, students' opinions on the decision to send troops have been as varied as the national debate. Matt Brand '98 said, "We have an obligation as the most powerful nation to keep peace and stop the killing. We would lose credibility as a morally correct country if we did not send troops." This opinion was seconded by several students. Some contested that the U.S. does not always act as a world leader despite having the most powerful military, and to begin acting as a moral crusader for the world's problems is hypocritical.

"I'm skeptical of this decision," says Nick Malafis '96. "I've always felt that the U.S. enters into something like this with the sole purpose of preserving their own self interests." Others felt that it was a morally correct decision. Ben Fox '96 said, "We are a world community. If one group of people has the resources to help another group, then they should."

"Then again," added Todd Leonard '96, "This conflict has been going on for centuries. Who is to say this will end it?"

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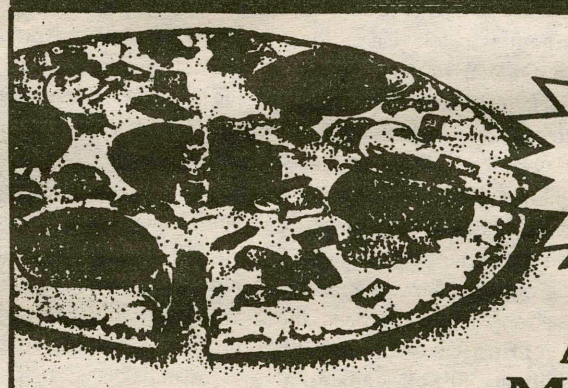

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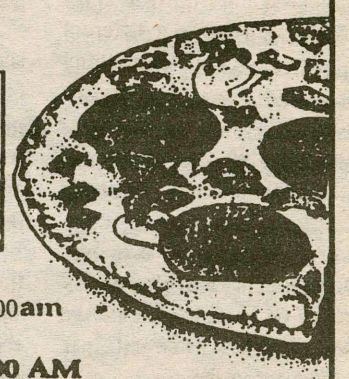

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Community calls for end to vandalism at rally

"Working together is success," says chair of Community Conference Committee

By Jacob Stetser '98
NEWS EDITOR

In response to a recent epidemic of vandalism and acts of hatred on the Hamilton campus, more than seventy Hamilton College community members convened, on the Friday before Thanksgiving, in the Chapel to protest and condemn the trend. Among the speakers at the rally were Jim Vivyan, Manager of Custodial Services, Sidney Wertimer, Professor of Economics, Bill "Malph" Murphy '97, a Dunham Residential Advisor, and Andrew Edelson '97, President of the Student Assembly.

The rally, organized by the Community Conference Committee, sought to call attention to the stupidity and futility of the actions which have occurred with alarming frequency this semester. Many of the speakers also stressed respect for the many and diverse groups on campus.

Tabitha Bowling '96 approached the Community Conference Committee several weeks before the event, expressing her concern at the current atmosphere of the campus. With the assistance of the CCC, she organized the event. Said Jaime Tackett '98, an RA in South and Chair of the CCC, "One member of the community knew what we could do, and brought her idea to us. Two and a half weeks later, we had a rally."

Murphy, who several weeks ago challenged his advisees in Dunham to refrain from creating significant damage or defacement of the area–and lost–criticized the unknown writers of homophobic and racist slurs which had been written in front of Dunham. He said he did not know the perpetrators, whether they were students of the College or from Clinton, but the acts nevertheless were irresponsible. Murphy defended students' rights to consume alcohol, but said that when he got drunk he wouldn't come back and vandalize the campus.

President Tobin spoke of the values of fairness and tolerance which he says Hamilton has always tried to emphasize. He said he would rather not take action, because he believed in students' right to determine the actions with which the school should respond. Jim Vivyan listed off the many dangers which his employees face while cleaning up human vomit and feces, as well as scattered trash and broken glass, much of which remains after an average weekend.

Sidney Wertimer, Professor of Economics, Emeritus, and former Provost of the College, recalled the days in the 1950's when he handled student incidents. Most of the problems during that time, he said, were results of student pranks, and involved alcohol. He would ask students who came into his office, "Did you know your limit before this incident?"

Most responded "no."

"Well, now you do," he answered, and sent them on their way with a warning not to come to his office again. He wanted to emphasize the dangers of alcohol consumption and blamed the recent actions on a less nurturing society and family environment.

Other speakers included Valerie Vignaux '96, an R.A. in the Rogers Estate, and Doug Ambrose, Professor of History.

The CCC, which helped plan the event, is one of the four branches of the Student Assembly. Responsible for confronting campus issues, "the CCC is a forum where people can come together and deal with concerns and issues that affect our community," said Jaime Tackett, who is the committee's chairperson. The committee is also charged with the office of serving as liaison between student, faculty, administration, and staff.

The CCC's other projects include the Tinderbox, which resides in Beinecke, and a Master Calendar of events which they hope will be up sometime around the beginning of next semester. Meetings are open to the public and are on Mondays at 8:00 p.m. Tackett quoted Henry Ford to illustrate her vision of the CCC's ultimate goal: "Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."

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After first semester, Bon Appétit draws mixed reviews from students

By Gabriel Meyer '96
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Nearly six months after it took over Hamilton's dining services, most students give Bon Appétit mixed ratings. Though they are satisfied with its overall performance, many say that food quality in campus dining halls has slipped since September.

Results of Bon Appétit's Customer Opinion Survey conducted early last month indicate that 80 percent of students are at least "reasonably satisfied" with the two dining halls and the Diner.

However, a *Spectator* poll of 65 students conducted this week found that 48 percent feel that food quality has declined since the start of the school year. Nine percent felt that food quality has improved, while 42 percent feel it has remained unchanged.

A vast majority of students, *The Spectator* poll found, feel the food this year is superior to last year when Hallmark catered Hamilton's dining operations.

"Because we are new on campus, we have been creating different types of menus to create something the students will really latch onto," said Joe Cappa, Bon Appétit's general manager at Hamilton. "I still need more input on menu items and variety."

He noted that the dining hall staff has been experimenting with a wide variety of meal offerings and that many which were offered early on have been discontinued.

Many students contend that a greater variety of food was offered several months ago.

"There's less selection," said Christy Cosby '99.

"We have pasta bar, like, every night," said Valerie Gorra '99.

"The presentation of the food was better before," added Cosby who noted that the selection of vegetarian entrees is too limited.

"The quality of the food has fallen since the summer," said Yogesh Ramani '96.

Several students said the quality of the food runs in cycles.

"It seems to be better when the parents come around," observed Ed Johnson '99. "I guess they want to impress them."

"It doesn't seem as though they put as much time and effort in the food as they used to," said Valerie Pease '99.

But a number of students stressed the positive aspects of Bon Appétit's dining services. The overall food quality has significantly improved from last year, they said, and the extended dining hall hours are an added convenience.

"All these spoiled brats who go to this college can't enjoy the good food," explained R.J. Hevier '96 of some students' dissatisfaction.

"The presentation of the food is a lot better than it was last year, which helps a lot," said Chris Knutsen '96.

Cappa said that he continues to seek input about dining operations from as many sources as possible. In recent weeks, he has met with students, faculty, the Student Assembly, and the Food Committee in an effort to fine-tune Bon Appétit's operations.

Next semester, Bon Appétit plans to implement "The Power of the Spoon," a program whereby students will be able to rate new entrees using colored spoons.

It has already begun sponsoring nutritional counseling for students, available free of charge in the health center.

Cappa said that Bon Appétit's Recipes from Home program has been successful so far. Parents of more that 200 students have submitted recipes. Half of them have been prepared and served in the dining halls to date. He said he expects to use the rest shortly.

In Bon Appétit's Customer Opinion Survey, which polled 377 students, McEwen Dining Hall drew slightly higher ratings than Commons, with 88 percent of students reporting that they were at least reasonably satisfied and 52 percent saying they were very or extremely satisfied. 45 percent reported the same for Commons Dining Hall.

Though most students reported satisfaction with the Diner, 42 percent said the food there is too expensive.

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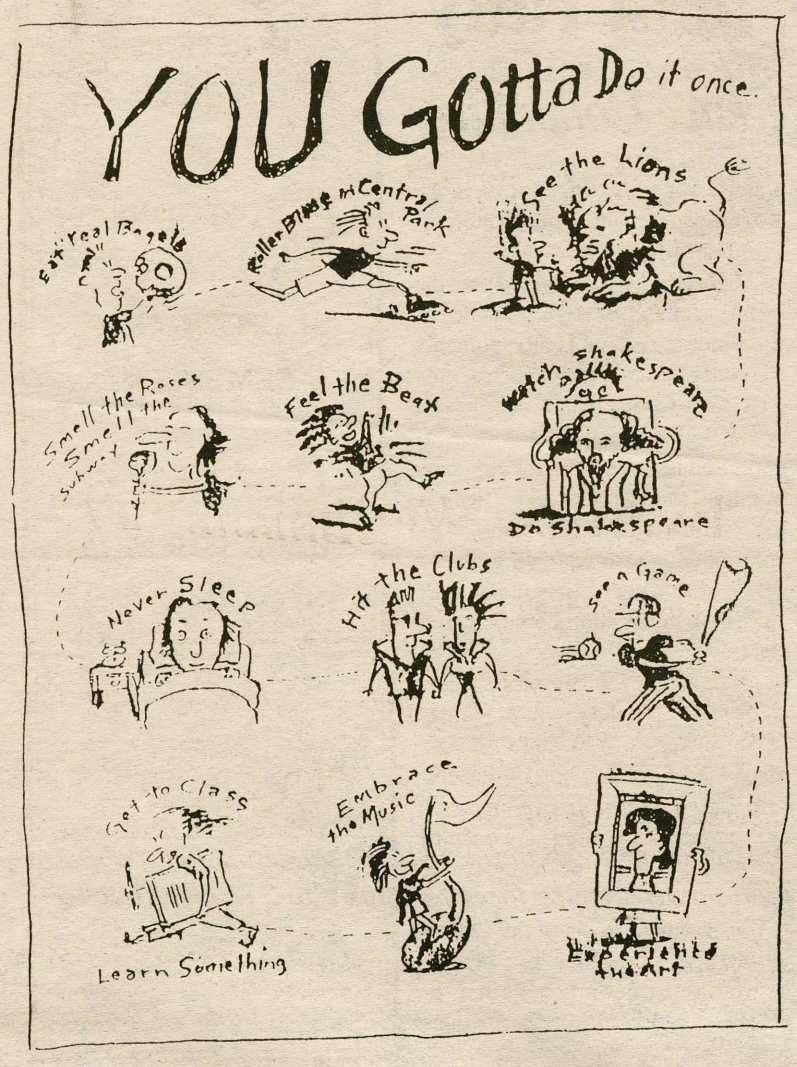

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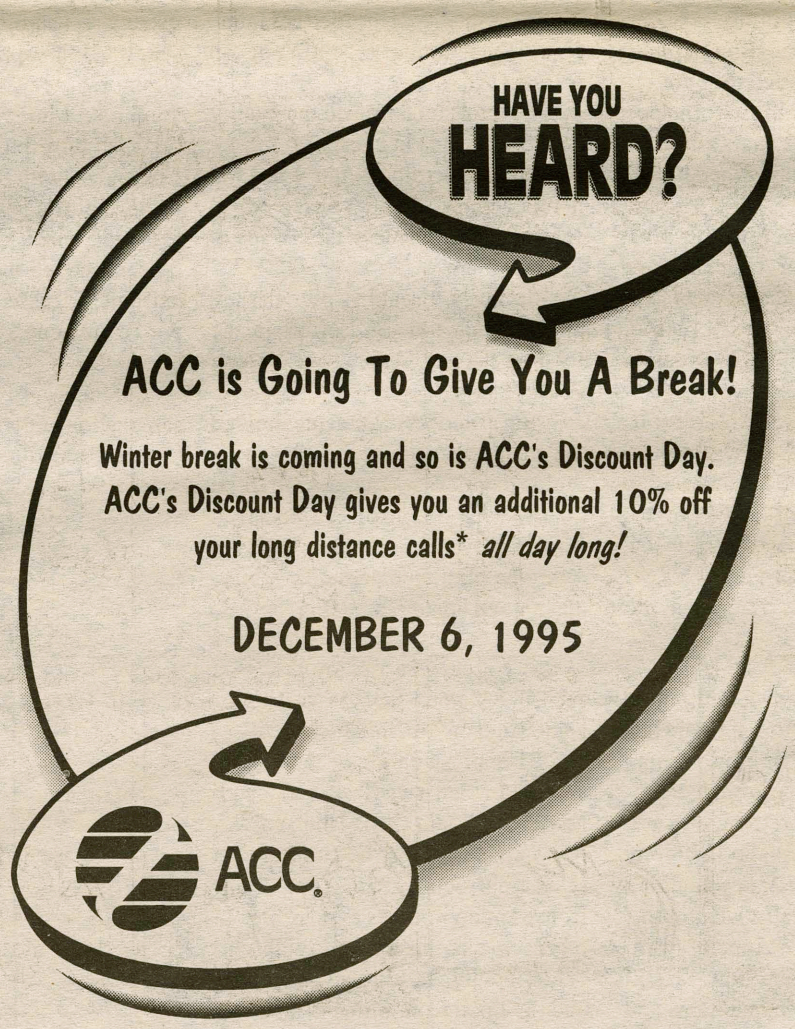
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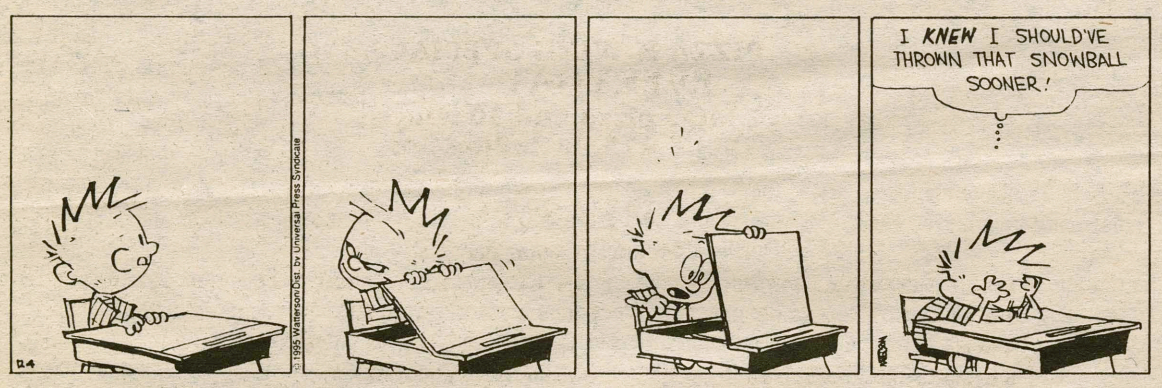

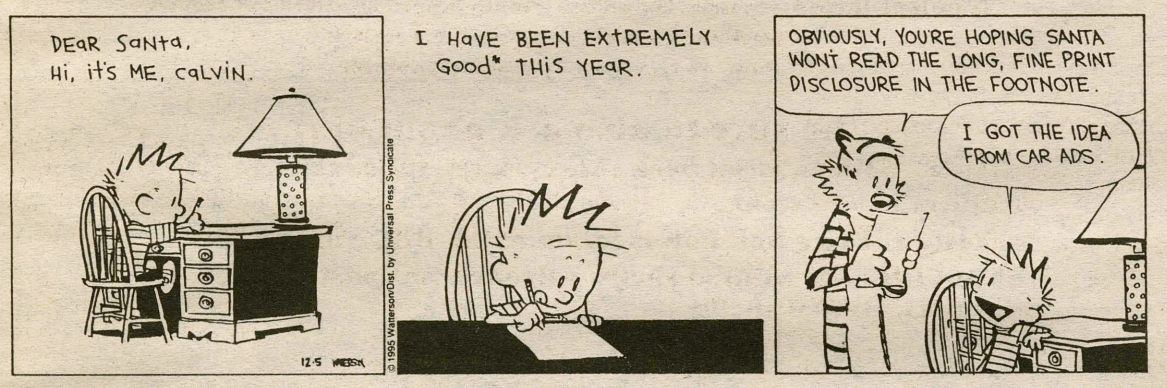
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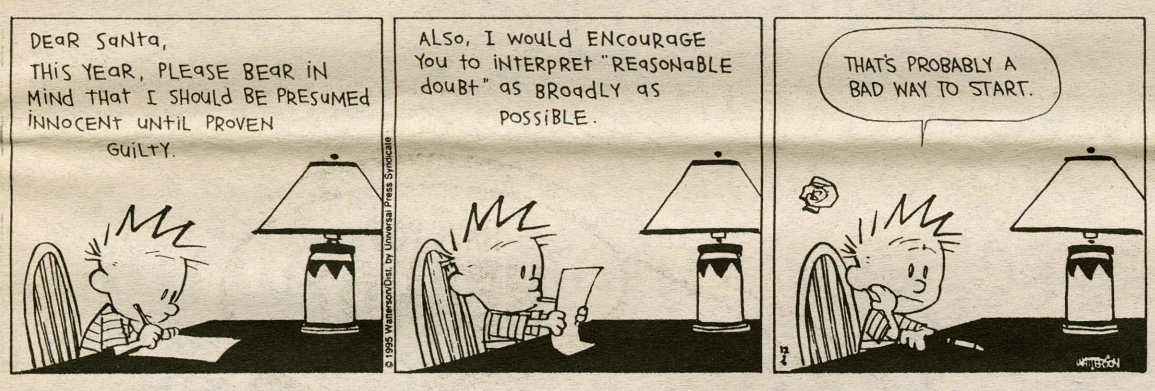
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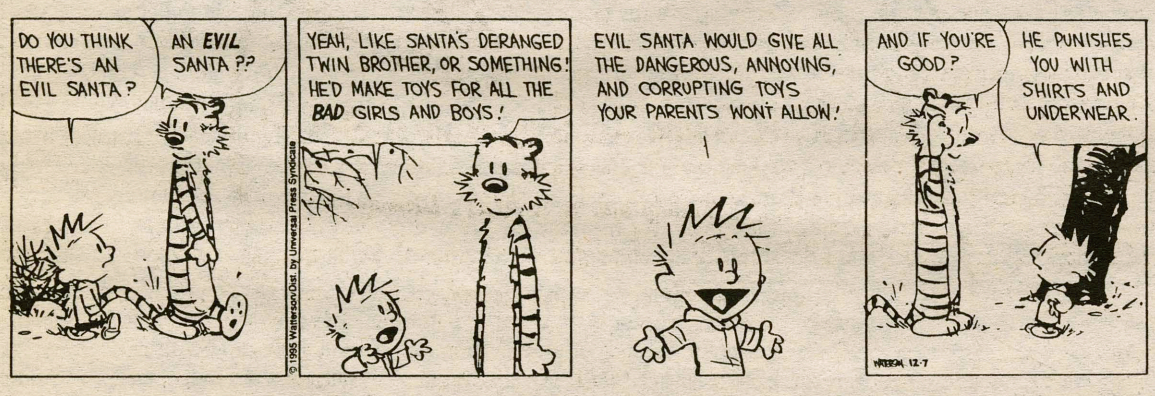
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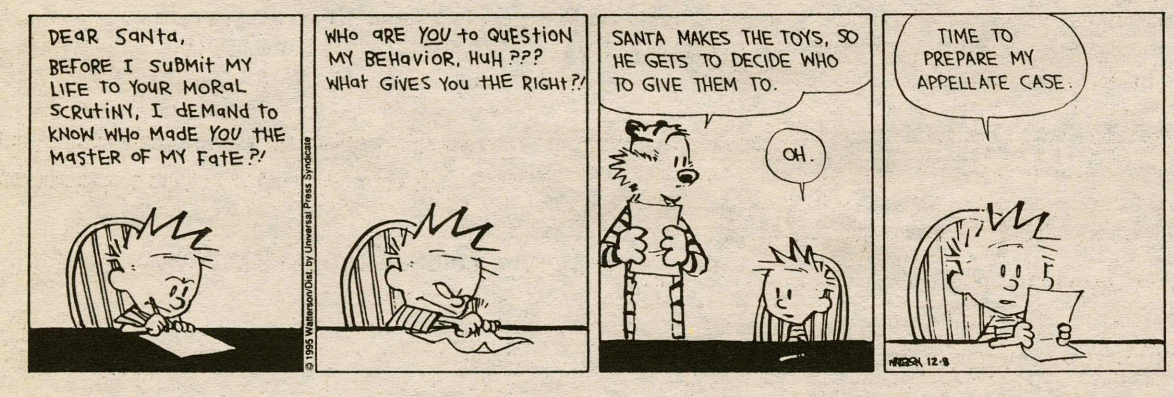
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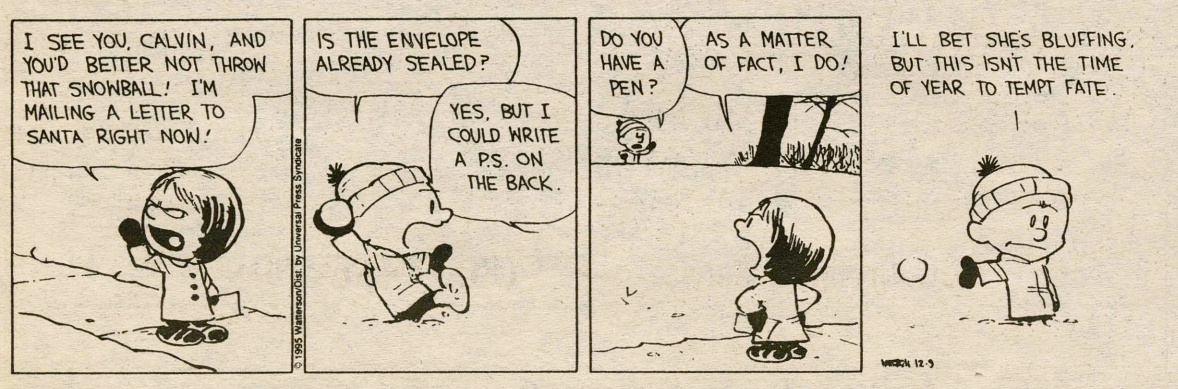
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AS A MATTER OF FACT, I DO!
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Quotable Quotes

By Missy Wiechmann '97

"I want to go to the Grand Canyon and go down on a mule."
-Marie Bishko '96 and her interesting travel plans for the future.

"Usually I pull it out and it just shoots back in."
-Buzz Carobus '98 in reference to adjusting his seat belt. That ought to make for some interesting road trips.

"It's a threesome under the table!"
-Tiffany Mattson '97. Her response to a game of footsies among three people during lunch in Commons.

"I have a problem giving another man my pepperoni."
-Matt Hofacker '97. Well alrighty then Matt, I didn't realize you were so protective of your meat.

"It tastes like watermelon and I like to stick it in other peoples mouths."
-Gretchen Schultes '98. If you aren't referring to a lollipop, you are a sick individual.

"Oh, you're Greek Orthodox . . .so, like, you believe in Hermes and stuff?"
-Elliott Nix '99. Should we enroll you in Religious Studies 101?

"Oh that's an Advent Calendar. Is that a Jewish thing?"
-Tim Donahue '99. Apparently, even the Jewish kid in the room knew what it was. I guess all his years of Sunday school didn't help.

"Life was so much easier when my penis was only used for peeing."
-Matt Weiner '98. Now if that isn't a Freudian statement, I don't know what is.

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Latino Empowerment Conference
The first of its kind at Hamilton

By Emily Valle '96
FEATURES EDITOR

La Vanguardia, Hamilton's Latin-American student alliance, recently sponsored a Latino empowerment conference. Open to the community, but aimed at the small percentage of Latin-American students on campus, the conference was the first event of its kind.

La Vanguardia's executive board members had been planning the conference since the spring of 1995. President Sandra Cepeda, vice president Doris Urbina, secretary Cindy Perez, treasurer Wanda Gonzalez, historian Nancy Herrera, and publicist Jen Lotufo even met this summer to formalize the details.

According to Perez, La Vanguardia wanted to focus on issues pertaining to Latin-Americans which were not generally addressed. "At other conferences, such as the one at S.U.N.Y. Albany in the Spring, we hear about problems of language, light-skinned versus dark-skinned Latinos, gender roles, etc. We wanted to try to come up with new some new perspectives," she said.

Cepeda added that La Vanguardia hoped everyone on the campus would benefit from the conference. She said, "It should not be our obligation to teach others about our culture, but we still think it is important to raise awareness."

The conference's agenda, which kicked off with a Salsamerengue dance in the Fillius events barn on Friday, November 17, included a workshop on relationships between Latinos and African-Americans, a keynote address entited "Unity Versus Fragmentation Among Latinos in the United States," and a speech by Gloria Valdez on inner neighborhood housing. Unfortunately, workshop leader Sandino Sanchez could not attend due to a death in the family, and Keynote speaker Dr. Cesar Juan Ayala-Casaz was in a car accident on his way to the College.

> "For our first time, and considering everything that happened, I'd say the conference was a success."
> **— Cindy Perez '98**
> **Secretary, La Vanguardia**

However, Valdez and Assistant Professor of Spanish Susan Sanchez, who stepped in for Ayala-Casaz, more than made up for the loss with what have been labeled their "inspiring" speeches.

"Gloria Valdez was a really dynamic speaker. As she related her frustrating experience of trying to start a women's shelter, she had the audience laughing and crying along with her," said Perez.

Perez noted that the "Red Pit" in the Kirner Johnson building was full for Perez's speech. However, Cepeda said she was disappointed in the general attendence. "Most of the students there were Latino or people of color," she said. "The people who really needed to be there did not show up."

One anonymous student, when questioned why he did not attend, stated that he was misled by the title "Latino Empowerment."

"I thought that it was a sort-of solidarity thing. I wasn't sure if I would be welcomed as an Anglo," he commented. Perez also attributed the lack of attendence to the fact that many students left early for Thanksgiving Break. Most of those who did attend said that they were glad that they went.

Perez and Cepeda agreed that the organizational process and the effort they put into the conference were as empowering as anything they got out of it. Perez stated, "We were nervous that things would not go smoothly. To a large extent, they didn't, but for our first time, and considering everything that happened, I would say that the conference was a success."

Perez said that next year La Vanguardia will most likely attempt a smaller-scale event. In the meantime, the organization will continue to sponsor dances and pot-luck dinners.

Cepeda said she wished to thank the other members of La Vanguardia, the executive board, and the various offices and organizations that sponsered the conference.

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Hamilton College's Alexander Hamilton Players is a student-based organization which produces and performs plays alternative to the Theater Department's productions. The organization is an opportunity for all Hamilton students to participate, direct, and stage manage a performance. The Alexander Hamilton players, in conjunction with the English Department, hold a play-writing competition every year. (Last year the competition was not held because of the lack of submissions.) This competition awards an as yet unnamed amount of cash prize for the best play. Also, up to four plays are produced before SpringBreak. During this night of short plays, a winner will be chosen. The writer of the play can direct or be in the play; if not, members of the Alexander Hamilton Players will perform and direct it. The parameters of this competition are that the student or a group of students can write a play that lasts about twenty minutes. The production must be simple. The judges would not appreciate an elaborate scene, because part of the judging is based on how well the play performs.

If you are interested in entering the contest you can pick up further information in the English Department. Submissions are due by January 25th. Also, if you would like to check out the Alexander Hamilton Players Fall Production come next Thursday and Friday at 8:00 p.m. at the Filius Events Barn. It is free admission. The play that will be performed is "The Zoo Story" by Edward Albee. Albee also wrote the play "Who's Afraid of Virginaia Woolf?" The play is directed by Alexander Hamilton Players President Jenna Corwin. Karl Dunkenberg is the stage managerand Steve Wood and Dustin Helmer both perform in the production.

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Amnesty fights torture, execution in Burundi

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Two years ago, 50,000 people were killed contributing to the refugee crisis in Burundi. Refugees now living in camps in Zaire and Tanzania fear returning to their homes in Rwanda and Burundi because of possible human rights violations. Delegates from Amnesty International are concerned for the possible human rights disasters if Zaire carries out its threat to banish about one million Burundi and Rwundese refugees if not evacuated by December 31, 1995. There is apprehension that human rights violations will occur if there is a mass return of refugees without full security of their safety. Amnesty International concurs with the fact that refugees will be hesitant to relocate to their countries if this type of injustice awaits them. This organization stresses that justice is necessary in creating general encouragement for their return.

In Burundi, minimal action has been taken to stop the daily slaughter of civilians by armed forces and opposition groups. In Rwanda, the human rights violations consist of torture and execution of 55,000 prisoners including the sabotage of one hundred and ten people in September of this year without any charge or trial. False rumors of immediate torture to refugees upon their return to Rwanda have been spreading, and some Rwandese refugees continue to be mentally and physically abused in camps in Zaire and Tanzania. The motive of the militant forces is to prevent a large restoration of native Burundi and Rwandese people in order to preserve control over this refugee population. The attempts to administer the safe return of the refugees is absent despite government promises.

The guarantee of human rights that Amnesty International fights for can only be achieved through the assistance of the international community helping to restore a fair, tolerant and foundational system of justice without the death penalty. If no assistance is received from other governments, the termination of this constant torture will not be found. Justice needs to be brought to those responsible for the massacre of one million people in 1994, yet there is little incentive from the government to proceed with this reinforcement. The ultimate responsibility for the safe return of the refugees rests in the government, and without the motivation to move towards this justice, human rights violations will continue in a deadly cycle.

The Hamilton College chapter of Amnesty International participates in preserving human rights through letter-writing campaigns. The Urgent Action Network, organized by Amnesty International, consists of a highly efficient procedure for getting urgent information out and a pool of concerned people who agree to be on call to send letters immediately regarding cases of human rights violations, such as those in refugee camps in Zaire.

Beginning in January, students involved with Hamilton's Amnesty International will be participating in the Urgent Action Network to help protect human rights around the world.

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By Alexandra Walker '99
FEATURES WRITER

Why do people watch Friends? Is it just because "It's funny," or could there be a deeper, more meaningful reason that most people are afraid to admit? Could it be that there is really a pressing psychological need to watch a television show about a bunch of twenty-somethings living in New York?

I talked to many, many people, and they all came to basically the same conclusion. "I like Ross," said first year Lisa Fairley. "Because he likes beautiful women," commented first year Colton Noakes about his friend Jeff. "It started as a drinking game," laughed a senior who prefers to remain anonymous. So, if you believe that there is a psychological need to ogle attractive men and women while drinking, then you may believe that there is something aside from pure entertainment motivating Friends watchers. And you may be right. Maybe Americans were starved for yet one more show filled with impossibly good-looking characters. Yet another half hour filled with mediocre puns and soap opera relationships. But then why does Friends reach an even wider audience than, say, Beverly Hills 90210 or Melrose Place?

Plot maybe? But seriously, there has to be some reason why men watch Friends instead of 90210 or Melrose. And they do, though you may be hard pressed to find one to admit to it. Why do they say they watch? Well, "It's funny. The people on the show are good-looking," said someone who prefers to be referred to as BKC (come on guys, we know you watch it, it's nothing to be ashamed of). But this could be Melrose. Why do they really watch? The same embarrassed person said, "It makes me think about my friends."

"It makes me think about my *friends*." Hmmmm. Have we uncovered the real reason why this show has astronomical ratings? Senior Marc Block explained his reasons for watching by saying, "A lot of my friends watch it. We watch it together." Hmmmm. Another senior said "It reminds me of a group of my friends." Do we see a theme? Friends maybe? Could it be that there is really something more than humor and beautiful men and women behind Friends' popularity? Could it be the friends themselves?

"So no one told you life was gonna be this way." It's an updated version of "Toto, I have a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore." "It's like you're always stuck in second gear, and it hasn't been your day, your week, your month or even your year." Is this ringing bells with anyone else? "Your mother told you there'd be days like these." But we didn't believe her. Neither did the characters on Friends. Maybe behind the absurdly exaggerated situations and the trendy dialogue there is something fundamentally true. There is a group of friends trying to make it, together. Kind of like college.

Ross: "I'm not in the [friend] zone."
Joey: "You're mayor of the zone."

Phoebe: "He's a shrink, but not in a shrinky way."

Rachel: "Men can pee standing up!"
Chandler: "We can? Okay, I'm trying that."

Character Quotes
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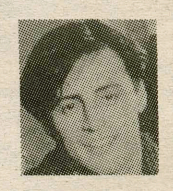
Phoebe: "They have a liking problem with you . . . in that they don't."

Rachel: "Tit for tat."
Chandler: "Well, I'm not showing you my tat."



Joey: "Phoebe is Phoebe but Ursula is hot."

Ross: " Do you know how long its been since I grabbed a spoon?" Do the words 'Billy, don't be a hero' mean anything to you?"

Ursula [to another waiter]: "Doesn't this come with a side salad?"

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EDITORIAL

We should feel sorry for them

Just when we thought our vandalism problem had peaked and run its course, we were again rudely surprised this week to discover that an outdoor sculpture created by Hamilton alumnus John von Bergen '63 had been knocked down and badly damaged. Additionally, unknown vandals discharged a fire extinguisher in faculty offices two nights ago and broke windows on the Kirkland campus. These incidents come as a cruel hoax, only days after the re-erection of the College's Alexander Hamilton statue, which itself fell victim to vandals who knocked it down last spring with a dumptruck.

In light of recent events, we can unfortunately only expect that our vandalism epidemic will continue during the foreseeable future. While we have all too often urged students through our editorials to respect our community, and we do so again here, clearly our words and those of everyone else speaking out against our vandalism epidemic mean nothing. Not even an antivandalism rally attended by more than 50 students the Friday before Thanksgiving break had an impact on the sick individuals who insist on continuing their shameful behavior.

We should not give up our fight against vandalism but we must come to some realizations. It is likely that a small number of discontent Hamilton

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students are responsible for the acts of vandalism. Nothing we do can stop them. Campus Safety remains clueless and is utterly lacking in resources to apprehend the vandals. And most importantly, we should feel sorry for them.

These are not sane, rational individuals committing acts of vandalism on a regular basis. Even if they are never caught, what future can they expect after they leave Hamilton? What future can anyone expect for those who cannot express emotions except through temper tantrums and physical destruction?

We've heard the reasons and the rationale— students are upset by the residential life decision, they are angry, and feel they cannot be heard. None of these excuses provides any justification for acts of vandalism. In fact, the rash of vandalism only reaffirms the College's goal of recruiting only the best students, both to make Hamilton a strong institution and avoid attracting the type of student capable of expressing emotions only through rage and destruction.

We have come to the sad realization in recent days, that short of turning our campus into a militarized zone, there is nothing we can do to stop the rash of vandalism. It will continue to occur until it runs itself out, and until the students responsible for it have moved on from Hamilton to wherever they may choose to lead the rest of their miserable, immature lives. But we should feel sorry for them. With such a limited range of expression, they will not advance far in this world.

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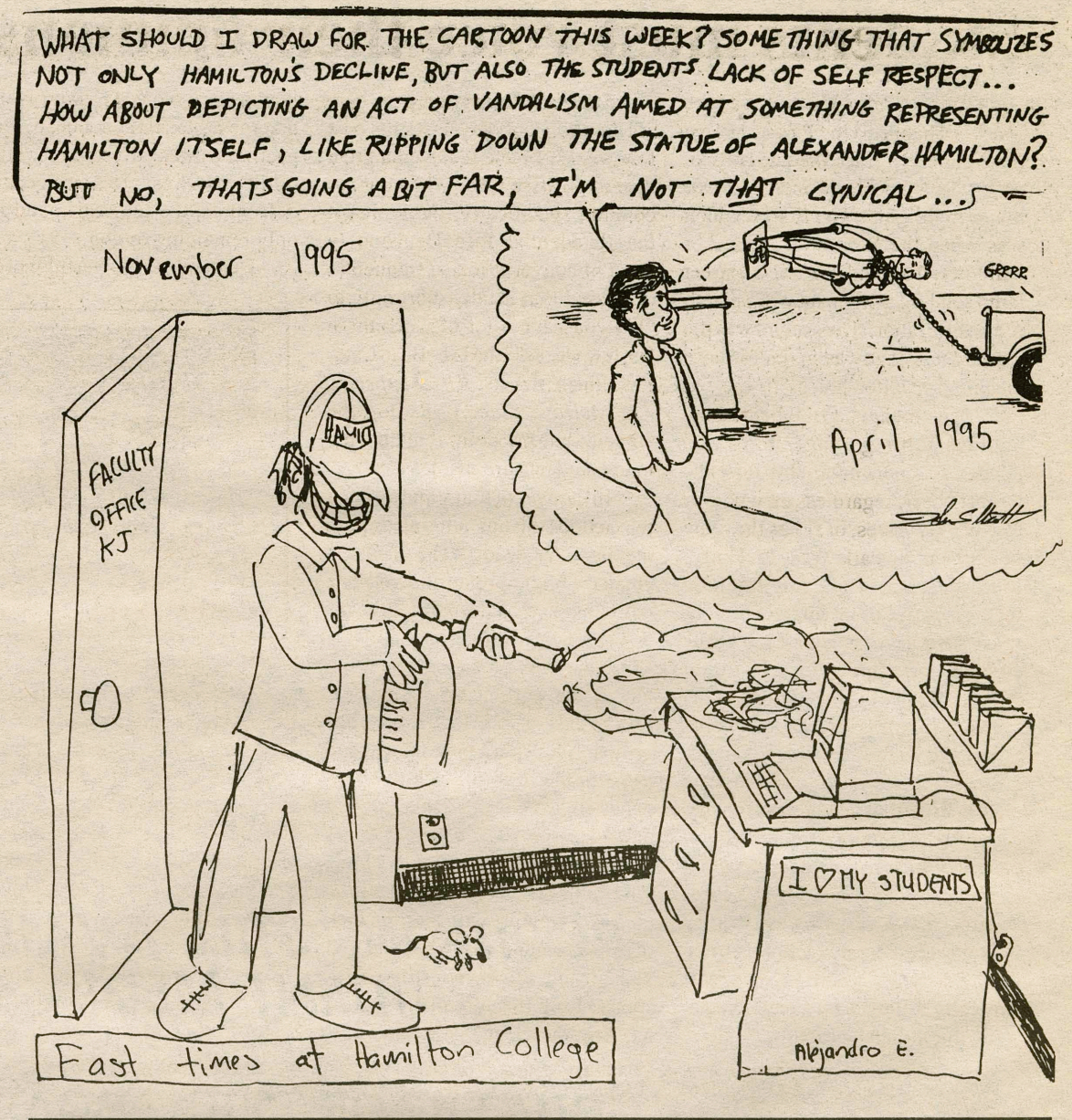
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Letters to the Editor

Can a "Band-aid" really be racist?

To the Editor:

We would like to take this opportunity to respond and comment on the flyer entitled the "Top 10 Examples of White Privilege at Hamilton College." Radical and incendiary views as expressed by Peggy McIntosh do not serve to bring our campus together, but instead, as can be told from the comments on the band-aid poster in Beineke Village, to divide us based on arbitrary and unimportant differences. Here, we selected a few ridiculous points raised in McIntosh's flyer.

Number One: "I can if I wish arrange to be in the company of people in my own race most of the time on campus." So can everyone else. As a free people, we can choose whoever we wish to be associated with. At Hamilton, a wide variety of cultural organizations exist on campus, such as the B.L.S.U. and the A.C.S., that allow for people of some cultures to meet with each other. Also, as Americans, we have the first amendment that secures for us the freedom of assembly. What's McIntosh's point?

Number Four: "I can swear or go to class in second hand clothes without having people attribute these choices to the bad morals, the poverty, or the illiteracy of my race." People are arbitrarily judged every day for a variety of reasons. Most people, when confronted with crude behavior, associate it with poor or delinquent etiquette, rather than racial discrepancies.

Number Seven: "I am not made acutely aware that my shape, mannerisms, or body odor will be taken as a reflection on my race." A person smells bad because he or she does not bathe correctly or requires deodorant, not because a person is a member of a certain racial group!

Number Ten: "I can choose blemish cover or bandages in "flesh" color and have them more or less match my skin." If past Civil Rights leaders such as Martin Luther King Jr. or Malcolm X knew that their arguments were being used in such a foolish fashion, they would be spinning in their graves. People have died to secure rights to all individuals of this nation, and to suggest that a band-aid color embodies a true form of racial oppression is outrageous! This clearly shows the true motives that today's Civil Rights Movement is based upon. Instead of picking real issues that affect people, they must search desperately for something to complain about just for the sake of doing so.

America is not a race, but a country in which it is a privilege to live. No other place in the world comes close to bestowing true equality for its people. It's about time to start looking at each of other, including ourselves, as people and not as "white" or "black" or any other color. Our differences are what make us human and, in the end, what truly make us great!

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Students must voice their opinions before fight is forgotten

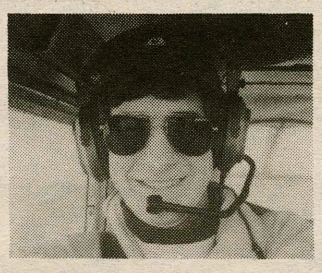
Over break, I attended the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade as I've done annually since the age of two. This year's spectacle included two major highlights. The first of which was when the Woody Woodpecker balloon fell on and shattered a street lamp sending a pregnant woman into premature labor. The second was the warm cheer that was given to those cleaning up after horses in the parade. The men who trail behind the equines with garbage pails and pooper-scoopers invariably raise the largest cheer, regardless of whoever else walks, drives, or floats the route down Central Park West to Thirty-fourth Street. It is a silly tradition that arises out of an appreciation of those who have the worst job in the entire event. Throughout the morning this sense of justice grows as the spectators befriend their neighbors on the sidewalk and help young children get a better view and assist the elderly in getting to their lawn chairs.

I find it an interesting phenomenon in which people band together to show appreciation; however, it is an effect that does not always work in the reverse. Dissatisfaction is often signaled by an initial anger, but is generally followed by a reaction that some might label as apathy.

Such is definitely the case here at Hamilton College. Over the past few weeks, I have received a great deal of positive feedback about my column, specifically, the faults of the Residential Life Decision (a topic of conversation so frequently discussed that it falls short only to "Do you have a lot of work these last few weeks?" the L.L. Bean Catalog, Phish tickets, *The Simpsons*, and *Melrose Place*.) Pardon the tangent, but my point remains that many students are displeased.

In the eyes of many and through the actions of our administration, the issue is dead. The decision created a brief uproar followed by a polite silence of despair. Perhaps this reaction was interpreted by the administration as a silent consent, but as the current academic year progresses a subtle protest has grown. Our quiet plea for change came in the form of lack of attendance at the Goo Goo Dolls concert and a lawsuit. The quiet murmurs materialized on Gene Tobin's lawn via drunk driving and shocked the entire community with the utter lack of respect embodied by the increased vandalism. However, still no response from the administration. It has become clear that in this particular case, request is to no avail and that the issue while not dead, may be nearing cardiac arrest. If the student body wishes to proverbially defribulate the topic, demand is the only remaining option.

Demand is a powerful word and



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can take several forms in this situation. In my aforementioned chats I've met many with the view that several of these routes lead to a quick cul-de-sac. Within the system, the Campus Activities Board has been crippled by underfunding like the student activities budget which has not even been adjusted for inflation in the past six years. One could argue that the newly formed student-empowerment committees are nothing more than a vehicle for others in higher places to clean their hands of lack foresight by transferring responsibility. Out of the system, trapping Gene Tobin in the fitness center did not achieve much in the field of long term results. However, I do not feel demand should be abandoned so quickly and thought up a few ideas.

The first suggestion that I wished to throw out stemmed from buttons I saw circulating about our campus early in the semester. They read, "Preserve Residential Option;" I noticed that one could abbreviate this phrase into the simple acronym PRO. A measure as simple as students taping simple photocopied signs that read PRO could be tremendously effective in stating that the issue is not forgotten. Tour groups take note of these reminders and question them. In addition, when photographs are taken for official Hamilton propaganda, the PRO will be in the background. I've begun to print some up on my computer, Xerox them, and soon will start distributing them.

I urge those of you who are not happy that we've lost the right to live anywhere off campus and choose where we eat to get a sign from myself, someone with one in their window, or print their own up. So, over the next few weeks these signs will hopefully begin surfacing in windows throughout our campus. While by no means do I believe that saturating our campus with two rain forests worth of paper will lead to an emergency meeting of the trustees in a secret Dr. Strangelove war room all the same.

Another important channel to express discontent (or content for that matter) is through *The Spectator*. While I sometimes joke about *The Spectator* and my position on the staff, quoting Groucho Marx who said "I wouldn't want to join any country club that would have me as a member." It is a medium with a large circulation to students, alumni, faculty, trustees, and administrators. Furthermore, it is extremely receptive to new submissions. In addition, the change of semester and newspaper staff is an excellent time to get involved. I do realize that many students are not motivated to write a column on a weekly basis; however, a productive, but less time-consuming method of raising an issue is to write a letter to the editor even if the topic is as simple as a decline in food quality.

I often feel that my weekly ramblings act as the silent majority's collective bitching at Hamilton. Whether it does or not is irrelevant, the fact remains; that it will remain as nothing more than "bitching" if the silent remain that way. As we come to the final weeks of the first semester, the Res. Life Decision grows more and more distant as its effect are taken increasingly for granted. We must not let the recent label of "apathetic" rest on ourselves; instead, respect and change must be demanded. Perhaps writing for the paper or hanging a sign are small steps, but they are steps beneath Bristol, it will not go unnoticed..

Letters to the Editor

Hamilton chapter of international history honor society accepting applications

To the Editor:

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Douglas Ambrose
Assistant Professor of History

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Saving the world: it's a matter of commitment

Peter Kelly

Reasonable Solutions

Saving the world's environment seems like a hopelessly expensive project, almost a utopian vision. In my last article, I suggested that the total cost might be something like $250 billion a year for the next decade. The figure seems mind-boggling at first glance, but if we look at it in perspective, it does not seem so overwhelming.

Let's begin with a basic question. How much do environmental programs cost compared to the value we Americans put on a human life? Based on the health and safety risks Americans are willing to take for some high-paying jobs, and on their willingness to invest in safety devices, they implicitly value their lives at $3-5 million each. Most life-extending medical procedures and injury-avoidance controls meet this cost criterion, as do most environmental regulations. In fact, many environmental regulations have no net cost. But some environmental regulations are very expensive—notably Superfund toxic-waste cleanups, which absorb 1/4 of U.S. environmental spending and cost $5-50 million per cancer death prevented. Nonetheless, we proceed with the cleanups. Saving lives in the less-developed countries is a lot cheaper. Try this rough calculation: Suppose each of the 40 million lives that are ended prematurely by malnutrition in the less-developed countries every year is worth $3 million (the minimum value Americans put on their own lives). That would mean that saving those lives is worth $120 trillion per year. Now, obviously, that's an absurd figure, since it's about six times greater than the GNP for the entire world. Fortunately, the actual annual cost of curtailing malnutrition is probably around $20 billion, 6,000 times less. That's $500 per life saved. Would anyone argue that such an investment isn't worth it?

Of course, no one can be sure of the precise-sounding estimates I gave in my last article for the costs of environmental and poverty programs, but so far, such cost estimates have been realistic. (Compare this to routine Pentagon cost overruns.) Technical innovations, market forces, or both have always made the costs of complying with environmental regulations less than industry estimates. Sometimes the true costs even surprise environmentalists.

Our experience with controlling air pollution is a good example. In the 1970s, automakers said that removing lead from gasoline and controlling emissions of other pollutants would be prohibitively expensive. They claimed that removing lead would cost 20 cents per gallon of gasoline, and controlling other pollutants would cost $4,000 per car (both in current dollars). Removing lead from gasoline ended up costing only 0-1 cent per gallon; and meeting today's even stricter standards for other emissions costs only $400 per car, an amount more than offset by fuel savings from efficiency improvements since the 1970s. Controlling sulfur dioxide was also cheaper than expected. In 1990, the U.S. implemented a market approach to sulfur-dioxide control. Companies emitting the chemical were given emissions permits equal to half of their current emissions. They were allowed to buy or sell permits with other companies, so that emissions would be cut where it could be done most cheaply; companies cutting back less than 50% were able to buy permits to do so. Some environmentalists criticized the initiative as permitting pollution, but the program did work. Permits to emit sulfur dioxide were expected to sell for $600-700 per ton, but they turned out to sell for only $150, which reflects the real cost of pollution control.

Can such successful pollution-control programs work in the less-developed countries where they will be most needed? Despite cultural differences and limited examples so far, pollution control can probably come even more cheaply in less-developed countries. This is because poor countries have not yet implemented cheap, basic environmental reforms.

So we can afford to protect the environment, even in the current budget-tightening times. In fact, if we approach it the right way, protecting the environment sometimes doesn't mean increasing spending. Redirecting spending toward pollution prevention, while relying more on environmental taxes and less on income taxes can come at no net cost. Phasing out subsidies (such as those to logging, water use, and oil drilling in the U.S.) can actually save money overall. These approaches are most appropriate to the more-developed countries, but could be used in some less-developed countries too. Better organization at the grassroots is also key (and inexpensive) for less-developed countries. Small-scale local projects in everything from agricultural education to windmill manufacturing are the success stories of environmentally friendly development. There is no economic reason why less-developed countries need to repeat the expensive mistakes of more-developed countries. Obviously, none of this means anything unless there is peace. War is one of the greatest obstacles to environmental progress.

Of course, most environmental reforms do have economic costs, but are these costs really unbearable, as many would argue? The $250 billion figure ($50 per person) is not excessive in terms of total GNP for the world. The standard assumption of economists is that 1-2% of a country's GNP should be spent on environmental protection to maintain economic health. The world currently spends about 1% and has been successful in many areas of protection. The portion of the proposed $250 billion that would go for environmental (as opposed to anti-poverty) efforts would raise the total to a little less than 2%. (Including the anti-poverty efforts would probably bring the total up over 2%, but we should keep in mind that we're dealing with ballpark estimates.)

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Increased foreign aid and other forms of assistance to less-developed countries are clearly needed; these countries cannot afford to protect their environments alone. More-developed countries will need to help more than they do now, with the U.S. possibly building up to $75 billion in annual economic aid. That's still less than $300 per capita. Personal income taxes might have to go up about $200 per person per year. If this still seems like a lot, consider that a much smaller and less affluent America spent over $2 trillion (in 1995 dollars) in only three-and-a half years to defeat Germany and Japan in World War II. And that doesn't even include veterans' benefits, which we're still paying. No one can even count the trillions we spent to counter the Soviet threat. If the threat seems real, Americans are willing to pay. They're even willing to pay $500 billion (the most conservative estimate) by the year 2000 to bail out the S&L system, which a few of their fellow citizens screwed up. The worldwide environmental crisis is just as serious as the threats of Fascism or Communism. And it's certainly more serious than the threat of a failed S&L system. In fact, aside from something like a nuclear war, a meteorite impact on the scale of the one that killed the dinosaurs, or a global plague, no threat could be more serious than poverty and environmental degradation—the daily reality for a majority of humanity.

Radical environmentalists must take part of the blame for the widespread belief that protecting the environment is extremely costly. They have misled people by covering up past successes and asserting that we must protect the environment "at any cost." But cost isn't really the issue. The greatest obstacle is lack of commitment.

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VoiceboX

How do you feel about the Clinton Administration's decision to send 20,000 troops to Bosnia?

"It is not by sending U.S. and other countries military troops that war will come to an end. The world does not need more dead. We all need to learn how to come to a mutual agreement."
Thomas Lavenir '97

"As the lone superpower in the world we have a role to play in world affairs. However I question whether the Clinton Administration policy was truly designed to remedy the situation rather than just insure their reelection."
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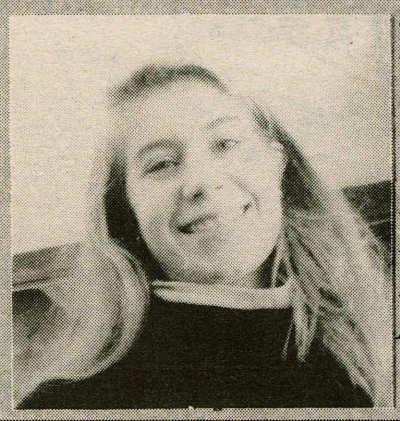

"As the world power, the U.S. has a responsibility to intervene in conflicts like Bosnia. This responsibility intensifies in a war laden with human atrocities and war crimes against innocent civilians".
Anna Wild '96

"Clinton should have done this before 200,000 people died."
Matt Brand '98

The true faults of the Bosnian conflict

The United Nations' mission in Bosnia has been a failure since its peacekeepers first set foot in that war torn republic several years ago. The soldiers had no clear cut mission and only stood as a human buffer between the Serbs and the Muslims with no real chance of defending the people of the region or even themselves. They managed to help prolong the killing in that region by creating a false balance of power in order to give the Western powers, primarily the European Union and the United States, enough time to decide exactly what they wanted to do. However, there are more lessons, both good and bad, which can be drawn from Bosnia and there are several parties guilty of mishandling of this fragile situation.

One cannot help but to wonder why the United Nations has had no real interest in stopping the conflict. It only makes sense that in the post-Cold War era, the U.N. should take charge of keeping the world relatively war-free, yet it failed miserably time and time again trying to monitor the Bosnian conflict. This was the U.N.'s golden opportunity to show the world that it will no longer tolerate the atrocities of senseless wars in a world which now primarily bases itself on human rights and freedom for all. The only thing which can explain the United Nations' failure is that it is still accustomed to operating the same way it did during the Cold War: following orders from and complying with the national policies of the strongest nations. (That might explain why that institution achieved so little in the first forty years of its half-century of existence.) Today its policies mirror those of the United States. This explains why the U.N. lacked real policy in Bosnia. The only reason there is any U.N. presence at all in the former Yugoslav Republic its members knew and felt that they had to do something no matter how insignificant it would be, no matter how much the suffering of Muslims, Croats and Serbs would be prolonged, and no matter how much their soldiers would suffer psychologically from fighting a war with one hand tied behind their backs.

It can be argued that the United Nations is at fault for not developing its own guidelines free from the influence of the United States. After all, it's an independent entity which is supposed to take charge of the world. The fact is that the U.N. is not accustomed to running the show. It has never needed to. The world and everything that went on within it was manipulated and kept in order either by the communists of Russia or the North Americans and their alliance with "free states." It is only natural that the U.N. look for guidance from the United States government considering it won the Cold War and is the only nation with any real experience in controlling and maintaining world order effectively. No one since the end of World War II has taken a significant step in their handling of foreign policy without looking for North American support or leadership. That has been the norm for past decades and it is illogical to expect a transition of power to the United Nations overnight. The United States has a responsibility as the only world superpower to lead that transition so that it will be complete and effective. The U.S. cannot begin to adopt the isolationist policy which it acquired during the interwar period because, as history has shown, things can get out of hand if the most powerful nation turns its back to containing small conflicts in other regions of the world. That reality is even clearer today with the quickening of economic and political globalization. Although the United States, along with its powerful allies, should be held responsible as the major contributor to continuing the Bosnian conflict without a resolution, fingers can be pointed in other directions as well.

The crisis in Bosnia and Herzegovina is a failure for all the nations united under the blue and white flag. More so for the poorer and "middle-class" nations of the world. Like Bosnia, they too have economic structures and ethnically diverse societies that are susceptible to similiar crises. As speculated by international journalists, politicians and intellectuals there are ethnic extremists, such as the Islamic Militants in Egypt and the Middle East, and even rival tribe leaders in many African nations who monitor the West's and the United Nations' response against the separatists Bosnian-Serbs. Because, like the Serbs, they have either personal or community goals in mind and want to see how far they can get in their struggles without facing drastic international disciplinary actions. These countries, well aware of the potential danger they face, have not shown any support for the Bosnian government and have not demanded that the United Nations enforce its essential principle: the preservation of a member state. They just wrote-off the problem to be solved by the U.S. and the European Union. Yet those first-world nations are not likely to worry about a conflict jeopardizing their economic or political interests because they will never face one or never feel truly threatened by one. Even if they did, they have the sufficient force to repress it. (Much like the Russians showed when they battered the secessionist Chechnyn movement earlier this year.) The world will probably continue to see a few more of these "Bosnia-type" conflicts because those who could have solved the problem by force showed no interest in doing so and those who could have petitioned for international justice to veer off any such occurrences in their brother states or even their own homelands failed to do anything whatsoever.

Alejandro Eder
Global Core

The United Nations administrative branch, particularly Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, is also to blame in the poor management of the Bosnian conflict. One of the central purposes of the administration of the United Nations is to advice the member states on how to manage situations in accordance with the U.N. Charter. Boutros-Ghali's administration clearly failed in achieving this task. The Secretary General opted to wait for United States backing before taking any sort of concrete stance on the issue. What Boutros Boutros-Ghali should have been done was to recommend to the United Nations direct involvement in the issue and recommend that the member states opt for the full military backing, both offensive and defensive, of one of the sides in the conflict, which ever they deemed right. Yet he did nothing of the sort and allowed for the peacekeepers to suffer the consequences of acting as a human buffer engineered to create a stand-still in the conflict. The U.N. should have formally stressed its moral stance, not their neutrality as a global institution. Boutros Boutros-Ghali has only been successful in proving to the world that the organization which he runs is still a tool designed to serve first world interests.

It is horrible how governments fail to learn from history and continue to adopt policies which are beneficial only in the short run and fail to secure the future. The poor nations continue to acceptingly receive unjust treatment from the rich, and the rich continue to cater to their own national interests regardless of the consequences that that may have on the poor. What all nations fail to see is that all occurrences in the world affect one another eventually. Today the war is in Bosnia, a nation which poses no threat to first world interests. But the Bosnia example might be followed by Turkish Muslim extremists or the Chiapas Rebels in Mexico. Should a large scale conflict occur there, the United States and Europe would find themselves in a more complicated situation. Bosnia might be a link in the chain of nations which is far from the United States or Europe. But the fact is they are still on the same chain. Should you yank Bosnia's link around, the consequences will eventually be felt by all the other links. The role of the United Nations and the most powerful nations during this post-Cold War transitional period should be the prevention of any sort of breaking or tugging of the chain.

Celebrating the Holidays with an African Flair: Kwanzaa

In 1966, one year after the Watts riots in Los Angeles, Dr. Maulana Karenga created a unifying force: Kwanzaa. Kwanzaa encourages people of African descent to turn to their own culture and value systems without the restraints of religious barriers. Karenga states, "Kwanzaa was created to reaffirm our culture, and the bonds between us as people."

The foundation of Kwanzaa ('first fruits' in Swahili) is the Nguzo Saba (the seven principles). The seven principles correspond to the seven days of Kwanzaa, a holiday that is celebrated Dec. 26 - Jan. 1. At the start of Kwanzaa, a *mkeka* (straw mat) is placed as a foundation. The *kinara* (candle holder) is placed on the mat and the seven candles (*mishumaa sabe*) are placed three red ones on the left, three green ones on the right, and a black one in the middle. Throughout the African culture these colors symbolize black-for the people, red-for the struggle, and green- for the future and hope coming from the struggle. The *muhindi* (ears of corn) and *mazao* (fruits and vegetables) are placed on the mat to represent the love for children and the family's success and accomplishments during the past year. Lastly, the *Umoja cup* is placed as a symbol of unity. The candles are lit one each night at the dinner hour where the 'harvest meal' is eaten, the exchange of gifts (usually handmade or educational) takes place, and the theme of the day is reflected on.

The seven Principles of Kwanzaa in Swahili and English are:

Umoja (unity)- to strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation, and race.

Kujichagulia (self-determination)- to define ourselves, name ourselves, create ourselves, and speak for ourselves.

Ujima (collective work and responsibility)- to build and maintain our community together and make our sister and brothers' problems our problems and solve them together.

Ujamaa (cooperative economics)- to build and maintain our own stores, shops, and other businesses and to profit from them together.

Nia (purpose)- to make our collective vocation the building of a community to restore our people to their traditional greatness.

Kuumba (creativity)- to do as much as we can to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.

Imani (faith)- to believe with our heart in our people, our parents, our teaches, our leaders and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

Brought to you by the Black and Latin Student Union.

Student Assembly Corner

The Student Assembly has been busy these past few weeks trying to get seniors a privilege they have not had for years. The outside graduation committee held a very successful preliminary petition drive on November 17 to assess interest levels for an outside graduation. 337 Seniors, and 605 underclassmen signed the document, and 105 Seniors indicated that they would be willing to help out with the set up and sound equipment during Senior week.

This information was relayed to Carole Bellini-Sharp, who is the College Marshall, on Monday, November 20 by Outside Graduation Committee Chair Tim Fox. She, in turn is meeting with President Tobin on Wednesday, November 29 to discuss the possibility of an outside graduation. Her only major concern was funding the setup of the two sites (one outside and one rain site). However, we are hopeful that the administration will be as helpful as it was with the loans to international students (Incidentally, the administration reversed its policy and decided to reinstate all loans.) Seniors should look forward to a sunny graduation under blue skies soon.

The Communication Committee of the Student Assembly

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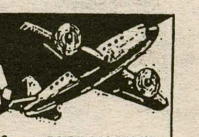

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Descriptions of these positions may be found in the *Constitution of the Student Body* in the Student Handbook, On The Hill.

To run for a position, you must obtain a petition sheet (available at the library, the mail center, and the registrar) with 25 signatures from members of any class, and write a platform of 100 words or less (to be turned in on a disk in WriteNow). **Any platforms exceeding this limit will be cut after the 100th word.**

Send platforms and petitions to Student Assembly through Campus Mail by Monday December 4 at 12:00 p.m. **There are absolutely no exceptions to this deadline!**

Elections will be held on Friday, December 8th.

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11-13
TODAY I'VE GOT A SURPRISE FOR YOU. EVER SINCE I OUTED MYSELF ON THE AIR TWO YEARS AGO, CALLERS HAVE BEEN ASKING ME WHEN I WAS GOING TO FIND SOMEONE TO SHARE MY NEW LIFE WITH.
WELL, IT FINALLY HAPPENED. HIS NAME IS NEIL, AND HE'S WITH US IN THE STUDIO TODAY. WELCOME, NEIL!
THANKS, MARK! HAPPY TO BE HERE!
SO TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF, GUY...
BY POPULAR DEMAND, WE'RE CHATTING TODAY WITH NEIL, MY SIGNIFICANT OTHER. WELCOME, NEIL.
THANKS, MARK!
NEIL, A LOT OF MY LISTENERS WERE BEGINNING TO WONDER, IF I'D EVER GET INVOLVED WITH SOMEONE. TELL THEM A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF.
11-14
HAPPY TO, MARK. I'M A FORMER RHODES SCHOLAR, DOCTOR, LECTURER, AUTHOR, JOURNALIST, FILM MAKER AND ARTIST. IN MY SPARE TIME, I BUILD LOW-INCOME HOUSING AND WORK AN AIDS HOT-LINE.
HOW ABOUT THAT, GANG? DIDN'T I TELL YOU HE WAS A FIND?
ME? HEY, C'MON, MARK — YOU'RE THE CATCH!
I'M STILL CHATTING WITH MY NEW PERSON, NEIL...
11-15
NEIL, WHEN WE FIRST MET AT THAT EMBASSY PARTY, WHAT EXACTLY DID YOU SEE IN ME?
WELL, MARK, I GUESS I SAW A KIND OF TREMBLING VULNERABILITY. I SAW SOMEONE HONESTLY TRYING TO COME TO TERMS WITH WHO HE WAS. I WAS IMMEDIATELY INTRIGUED AND ATTRACTED.
SO YOU DIDN'T JUST SEE A FAMOUS SUPER-STAR RADIO PERSONALITY?
I DID, BUT IT DIDN'T MATTER. I DIDN'T CARE.
I'M MARK SLACKMEYER, AND WE'RE STILL TALKING TO NEIL, MY SIGNIFICANT OTHER. IS THE CALLER THERE?
YEAH, MARK, I WAS JUST WONDERING HOW TWO PEOPLE LIKE YOU AND NEIL CONNECT IN THE AGE OF AIDS...
11-16
I MEAN, HOW DO YOU MAINTAIN A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE TERRIBLE SPECTER OF INFECTION HANGING OVER EVERYTHING?
ACTUALLY, WE GOT THAT COVERED, RIGHT, NEIL?
YOU MIGHT SAY THAT.
COOL. SO I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT YOU GUYS?
YOU'RE ON THE AIR, CALLER!
YEAH, I HAVE A QUESTION FOR NEIL.
FIRE AWAY!
NEIL, ARE YOU AFRAID OF PEOPLE FINDING OUT YOU'RE GAY?
11-17
THE REASON I ASK IS THAT YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY TRYING TO DISGUISE YOUR VOICE. IT SOUNDS FORCED AND PHONY.
UM... NO, I JUST HAVE A COLD.
IT'S TRUE. HE LOOKS TERRIBLE.
GO AHEAD, CALLER!
YEAH, MARK, MY NAME'S BOB. I'M A LONG-TIME LISTENER...
I JUST WANT TO SAY IT TAKES A LOT OF GUTS GOING PUBLIC ON THE AIR LIKE YOU AND NEIL ARE DOING...
11-18
A LOT OF PEOPLE LIVE A LIE, KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING? THEY JUST SPEND THEIR WHOLE LIVES PRETENDING! YOU GUYS ARE DIFFERENT...
I'M HAPPY FOR YOU TWO, MAN.
THANKS, BOB.
YEAH, BOB, THANKS A LOT.

Personals

Earball-

Smelled your armpit lately? Don't know what hell will be like without you. You can still change your mind. Wanna stay with me, come on, we'll shoot together. With love and tons of gunshots.

-Sweetscrum

H, J,+ L-

Ding- Dong the witch is dead!!! Enjoy the rest of the semester, residents of North fourth floor (Sorry Dunham!)

- Hamilton Alum. '92

Evian-

Thanks for the ride. Sorry we didn't catch up to her. You needed burgers and I needed door number one. The red light is on, and go easy on the water!

-Naya

Nubbins-

Now that it's over, I get your afternoons. . .

-Me

Muffin-

I miss you. Its been hours since I last spoke to you and I am becoming more depressed as the days go by. Please stop by for some hot cocoa (too bad I don't have a fire). Call me.

-Peaches

Chick pea-

We will have a blast this weekend. I am going to miss you so much you don't understand!! Enough sappy stuff, Lets procrastinate and smoke butts!

-Rutabaga

T. to the M.F. Matt-

Hey loopey chicky- lets roast some chestnuts over the Menorah. We'll culturally blend and maybe drink some 40E's.

-Me

To Hot Pants-

I really think you're sexy.

-Xtra Marty

Send your personals to *The Spectator* via campus mail!

Answer to last week's crossword puzzle

"JUKEBOX SELECTIONS"

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MOVIES IN REVIEW

WITH GINA CARBONE '99

CASINO

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Casino revolves around a single concept: money. Robert De Niro plays Sam "Ace" Rothstein, a legendary gambler from "Back East" who comes to Las Vegas in the 1970's to get his foot in the door of some legitimate business. He ends up managing Tangiers, a mafia run casino, using fresh-faced and oblivious Kevin Pollack as the perfectionist, Ace knows all the tricks that cardsharks try to pull, and he makes sure they never try them again.

Director Martin Scorcese spares us nothing when it comes to graphic voilence. We're meant to get the hint that this casino will not be trifled with.

Ace keeps some odd company. His volatile time bomb buddy from "Back East" Nicky (played in *Goodfellas* style by Joe Pesci), decides to join Ace in Vegas, procedes to terrorize the entire city, is banned from all casinos, and starts a Vegas branch of the mob.

A beautiful young woman catches Ace's eye as she steals chips expertly at the tables. She dresses as if she were trying to be classy but her tacky personality seeps through. He falls in love with her instantly. Her name is Ginger McKenna and Sharon Stone plays her so perfectly it scares me. I thought that she was a talentless blond bimbo, and until now, she kept proving to us that she was.

All Stone needed was a juicy role to let her steal the screen, and Scorcese found it for her with Ginger. She's an ex-prostitute with a three-track mind: wealth, drugs, and her disgusting ex-pimp/boyfriend (a very 70's-looking James Woods). She candidly admits to Ace that she doesn't love him, but he's is undaunted. He gets what he wants. If she marries him, he'll make sure that she's set for life, even if they divorce.

Winning Ginger as a wife, Ace continues throughout the movie to win her heart—in vain. Ginger is a horrible mother to their little girl, tying her up whenever she wants to drink or do coke, which seems to be for the entire second half of the movie. Ace tries to control her, Nicky, and Tangiers at the same time.

Everything and everyone is connected to Las Vegas. You have to be careful who you're talking to before you open your mouth. Nicky blows it from the start, but the pressure slowly builds on Ace throughout the movie until his breaking point is reached. *Casino* marks the rise and fall of Tangiers in a ten year period. Paralleling this is the rise and fall of Ace Rothstein's life, which in many ways is the casino itself.

Scorcese's film runs three hours long. It isn't boring, but don't expect the usual introduction-action-climax-denouement-conclusion plot. We're given a lot of character analysis throughout the movie, especially with Ace.

This may be one of De Niro's more subtle performances. Though technically he's the star, the limelight shines for Stone. One of my favorite scenes consists of a shot of all the quarters from the slot machines pouring down a shute and being collected for the vault. I just thought of how much laundry all those quarters could do. The shot reminded me of the opening scene of Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory when they show the chocolate production line.

Although nowhere near as encompasing as *The Godfather*, *Casino* is an excellent mafia action film. Other Scorcese films you might want to try: *Taxi Driver*, *Goodfellas*, *Cape Fear* (remake), and *The Age of Innocence*.

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Robert DeNiro, Joe Pesci, and Sharon Stone star in Martin Scorsese's *Casino*, a tale of the rise and fall of a Las Vegas casino.

HOROSCOPES

WEEK OF DECEMBER 1 TO 8

LIBRA
(SEPTEMBER 23-OCTOBER 22)

It's those last couple of weeks and nothing seems to be going right. You're almost there, just get that work done and sit down relax and watch a movie. More likely than not you'll be able to associate your life to the plot of the movie and everything will end up making sense. Drink a good cup of coffee.

SCORPIO
(OCTOBER 23-NOVEMBER 21)

Still in the party gear, and that exam seems so far away even though it's actually Monday. You've been coasting all semester and have been getting away with it- you won't be able to get away with it during the finals...do something now so you won't regret life later.

SAGITTARIUS
(NOVEMBER 22-DECEMBER 21)

You're in for some real surprises!! Other than the fact that some Birthdays might be coming up. Unexpected things lie in store for you this week in relationships. Whether romantic or not isn't clear, but you'll be meeting a lot of new people this week.

CAPRICORN
(DECEMBER 22-JANUARY 19)

You've got the work done. Relax and go out have some fun now or else you'll go stir crazy. You're friends are starting to wonder whether or not you're still alive! Go out and show them that you are...let loose so you can concentrate when you really need to.

AQUARIUS
(JANUARY 20-FEBRUARY 18)

Okay, so life is a mess and really confusing to top it all off. Just don't think, for the next two weeks go through each day one at a time and suddenly it'll be all over and you can go home for a month...don't worry you'll make it. A chocolate bar, possibly that could help.

PISCES
(FEBRUARY 19-MARCH 20)

Careful of what you decide to tell whom. Something is brooding in the background and it's ready to explode. Try to stay above it and don't let it get you down. The gibberish that's hitting the fan now will be of no interest to anybody two weeks from now. Take a deep breath and smile.

ARIES
(MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

Don't overload yourself with too many projects. Think about the consequences before you commit yourself to each activity which is presented to you. Remember that you've got academics too, you seem to have forgotten that for a while. But do take advantage of that trip you were planning to take. It'll be a welcome change.

TAURUS
(APRIL 20-MAY 20)

It has been difficult for you to remain an individual lately because everything seems to involve other people. Take a long walk by yourself and sort things out. The family problem will come to an end soon. Your limelight is just around the corner.

GEMINI
(MAY 21-JUNE 20)

That person will realize what they're doing to you, it could be possible that a long talk would help, but if that's something that they don't seem to be willing to do...make them realize somehow what they're doing...the point is take action, don't sit around moping about what's happening.

CANCER
(JUNE 21-JULY 22)

You will be making some adjustments in your life soon. They will help you a great deal but it may not seem like it at the time. Don't be so scared of change...you've had you comfortable set life for a while. You've gotten so used to it that everything has become a routine, that's never good.

LEO
(JULY 23-AUGUST 22)

Raging social lion is the description for you...looking up every old flame and trying to dig up old feelings will not bring you happiness. Calm down a little...don't try so hard just relax and have a good time and take what happens with a shrug and a grin.

VIRGO
(AUGUST 23-SEPTEMBER 22)

Get into it...the year's not over yet though you seem to think so.. You've neglected friends, work and family. Wake up! Things don't happen by themselves, you actually have to move your *#% so things get going towards a happy conclusion. Stick it out.

ARTS BEAT

KIRKLAND ARTS CENTER

On Saturday, December 2, Tom Murrin, the "Alien Comic," will be appearing at the Kirkland Art Center. Murrin's main theme is the struggle of artists to find a place in American society and he uses slapstick humor to convey thought provoking outlook on culture. The event is free.

Also scheduled at the Arts Center in December is the film, *The Mozart Brothers*, playing on Tuesday, December 5. Admission is $2.50.

The annual Christmas Concert, "Christmas in Germany" will be held on Wednesday the 9th at 8 pm. Admission is $7. For more information regarding these events, contact the Kirkland Art Center at 853-8871.

LANDMARK THEATER

STOMP, the international percussion sensation, comes to the Landmark Theater for two performances on Wednesday, December 13th and Thrusday, December 14th at 7:30 PM. Tickets are $29.50, $24.50, and $17.50. Call 475-7980 for details.

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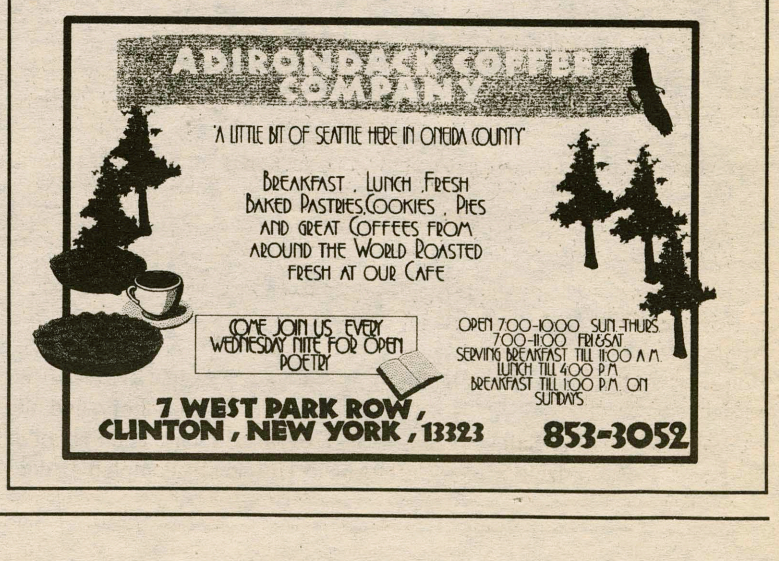
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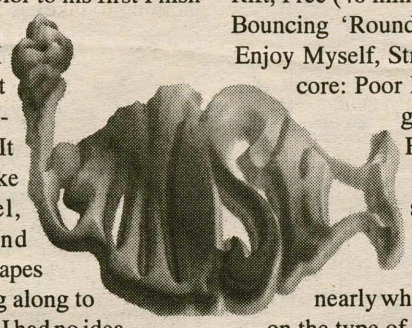
BUDDHA'S BUZZ

Buzz gets Phishy as Buddha enters Gamehenge

By Peter Gaston '99
A&E Editor

The first time I ever heard of Phish was back in 1990 as a sheltered 11 year old kid at sleep-away camp. One of my counselors, a student at a New Jersey boarding school, always wore Phish shirts and played their strange blend of goofy rock in our bunk. During that summer, he took my other counselor to his first Phish show.



What did I know about Phish? Absolutely nothing. It did not sound like the Billy Joel, Aerosmith, and Bell Biv DeVoe tapes that I would sing along to with my friends. I had no idea that I would be at USAir Arena outside of Washington five years later at a show by this weird, obscure band from Vermont.

Last week was my first "Phishen Trip." After listening to Phish quite a bit over the past two years, urged by friends who thought my alternative music was crap, I decided to call TicketMaster and pick up tickets for last Wednesday's show. Why not give it a try, I thought.

I had tried out a Dead show this past summer, which turned out to be the third to last Dead show ever, just to broaden my musical horizons, and I gained a great deal of appreciation for the fans and culture surrounding the legendary band. Judging from my Phishy friends, I expected to find lots of enthusiastic "phans" who would be ready to groove to the sounds of Trey, Mike, Page, and Fishman.

Before I talk about my experience, here's the setlist. Set I: Cars, Trucks, and Buses, Wilson, Run Like An Antelope, Fluffhead into Fluff's Travels, Uncle Penn, Cavern, Suspicious Minds, Lizards, Sample in a Jar, Sweet Adeline (a capella). Set II: Rift, Free (40 minutes long), Llama, Bouncing 'Round the Room, You Enjoy Myself, Strange Design. Encore: Poor Heart (slow, bluegrass version), Frankenstein.

What I found inside the arena during the three hour show was not nearly what I expected based on the type of Phish lovers that I know. Maybe it was what I should have expected. Regardless, I witnessed the reason why Phish could fill an 18,000-seat stadium in an area where they usually play much smaller venues.

Kids just want to have fun, and we're not talking about enjoying good music. The Phish scene is an atmosphere where the beer, pot, and hallucinogens are available to all ages. A night with Phish is the party that kids are afraid to have at home. It is an escape from parents and police, and they love it.

The vast majority of people at the show were indeed there to enjoy the scene *and* the music. These are the real Phish-heads. They groove and dance for the whole concert, digging every bizarre jam and quirky lick. They rode through "Free," which was quite possibly the best jam I've ever heard live from any band.

At the same time, the kids sagged in their seats, waiting for "Sample in a Jar" or "Bouncing 'Round the Room," Phish's most well known songs. The kids hoped for a track that they might have heard on *A Live One* (Elektra), Phish's commercially produced live double-CD. They probably did not know that "Fluffhead" had not been played in some time.

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Phish is Mike Gordon, Trey Anastasio, Jon Fishman, and Page McConnell.

Phish made its rise based on a dedicated group of fans that germinated on college campuses in the late 80's (including Hamilton; Phish played three shows here between 1988-89). These fans have always stuck with Phish, turning on their younger siblings and friends with live tapes and shows. This is the incredible Phish community that has rightly earned itself mention in the same sentence as "Deadhead."

It would be sad to see the world of Gamehenge become corrupted. Phish has that rare opportunity to become an ageless band like the Dead with the ability to bridge generations with great music and great people. I'm not an expert on Phish, but when I compare the kids at the USAir Arena show to my Phish-head friends, I worry that the atmosphere that made Phish great will disappear.

Tell me what you think. If you are a Phish fan, send your feelings on the state of the Phish union to *The Spectator* via campus mail or to "pgaston" via email. Limit your response to 300 words. We will print responses in a future Buddha's Buzz.

Music News

✪ MCA will release *Saturday Morning Cartoon's Greatest Hits* on Tuesday. Why all of the buzz? The songs will be performed by some of the best names in alternative music. Here are some of the highlights: "Go Speed Racer Go" by **Sponge**, the theme from *Josie and the Pussycats* by **Juliana Hatfield** with **Tanya Donelly**, "Scooby Doo, Where Are You" by **Matthew Sweet**, the *Underdog* theme by the **Butthole Surfers**, the *Gigantor* theme by **Helmet**, the *Spiderman* theme by the **Ramones**, the *Fat Albert* theme by **Dig**, and *Ren and Stimpy*'s "Happy Happy Joy Joy" by **Wax**.

All of the songs will be full-length as the artists stretched the themes, all of which were under one minute in length. MCA seems to be targeting the retro movement which has been glorifying pop culture of the 60's and 70's. It should be interesting.

✪ **New This Week: Cocteau Twins**, *Otherness* EP (Capitol); **Enya**, *The Memory of Trees* (Reprise); **C+C Music Factory**, *C+C Music Factory* (MCA); **Kiss**, *Unplugged* (Mercury).

✪ Check out music featured in the Buzz on WHCL 88.7 FM tonight from 2-5 AM with Buddha at The Red House. Tonight's show will also feature two special guests, so tune in.

✪ Comments? Send them to *The Spectator* via campus mail or email to "pgaston." Tell me what you want to see in the Buzz.

Orchestra to perform Brahms, Berlioz, Donizetti, Grieg

Lee, Kamp, Lloyd set as soloists; Syracuse Symphony Youth Orchestra guests

Courtesy Of The Hamilton College Orchestra

The Hamilton College Orchestra, under the direction of Associate Professor E. Michael Richards, will present a concert of works by Brahms, Berlioz, Donizetti, and Grieg on Tuesday, December 5 at 8 PM in Wellin Hall of the Schambach Center for Music and the Performing Arts. The Orchestra will be joined by 23 members of the Syracuse Symphony Youth Orchestra in performances of Brahms' "Academic Festival Overture," and the third and fourth movements of "Symphonie Fantastique" by Hector Berlioz.

Helen Lee '96 will be the soloist in Grieg's "Piano Concerto in A Minor." Lee, from Hong Kong, is a Music Concentrator at Hamilton. She has studied piano, organ, horn, voice, and chamber music at Hamilton, served as a pianist in the piano accompaniment program, and participated as a member of the College Orchestra and College Choir.

Lee has studied piano with Steven Heyman, and conducting with G. Roberts Kolb, Tom Lloyd, and E. Michael Richards. She plans to continue her musical studies after Hamilton.

The soloists in "Sulla Tomba" from Act I of Donizetti's *Lucia di Lammermoor* will be soprano Jane Kamp and tenor Thomas Lloyd.

Jane Kamp is a native of St. Louis, where she has performed as soprano soloist with the Opera Theater of St. Louis and St. Louis Symphony in addition to numerous recital and oratorio appearances. A graduate of the St. Louis and Boston Conservatories, her teachers have included Alberta Masiello, John Moriarity, Richard Hughes, and Grace Hunter.

Locally, Kamp has recently performed as soprano soloist with the Mohawk Valley Community Chorus in Handel's *Messiah*, with the Hamilton College and Community Oratorio Society in *Haydn's Creation*, and with the Sherburne Community Chorus in Dvorak's *Stabat Mater*.

Thomas Lloyd is Acting Director of Choirs at Hamilton College, where he conducts the Hamilton College and Community Oratorio Society and the Hamilton College Choir. A frequent performer as a tenor soloist, he sang a faculty solo recital with pianist Sar-Shalom Strong on November 4 in Wellin Hall.

Lloyd has earned degrees from the Oberlin Conservatory and the Yale Divinity School and School of Music. He recently completed a doctorate in conducting at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, where he studied voice with Nicholas DiVirgilio and was Assistant Conductor of the Illinois Opera Theater.

THE HAMILTON COLLEGE ORCHESTRA
E. MICHAEL RICHARDS, DIRECTOR
WITH SOLOISTS
HELEN LEE, JANE KAMP,
AND THOMAS LLOYD
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5
8 PM
WELLIN HALL
SHAMBACH CENTER
ADMISSION: FREE

In addition, Lloyd sang on John Wustman's series of recitals covering the complete songs of Schubert. His list of roles performed includes the tenor solos in Stravinsky's *Les Noce*, Bach's *Magnificat*, Arvo Part's *Passio*, and the Duke in Verdi's *Rigoletto* (with the Illinois Opera Theater).

E. Michael Richards, Associate Professor of Music and Director of Instrumental Programs, has conducted the Hamilton College Orchestra since 1984 when he arrived at Hamilton after a year as Conductor of Instrumental Ensembles at Bowdoin College. He is a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music, holds master's degrees from Yale University and Smith College, and earned a Ph.D. from the University of California, San Diego.

Richards has been recognized for his work as a conductor and clarinetist with a 1990 U.S./Japan Creative Artist Exchange Fellowship for a six-month residency in Japan, jointly sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts, U.S.-Japan Friendship Commission and the Japanese Government Cultural Agency. He has also received a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Fellowship to study traditional Japanese music and a grant from the Camargo Foundation to complete a book - "The Clarinet of the Twenty-first Century."

Richards performed as a concerto soloist with the Syracuse Symphony, and been recorded on a NEUMA CD and Nine Winds Records (forthcoming). This season, Richards has been invited, with pianist Kazuko Tanosaki, to perform recitals in Rome, Italy during Itinerari '96, sponsored by the Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri, and in Paris, France at the 1996 International Clarinet Association Festival.

The Hamilton College Orchestra was founded in 1970 and has grown to include more than 60 students. The Orchestra has undertaken four concert tours within the last seven years - two through New England, one through Western NY, and the other by invitation of the governments of Romania and Bulgaria to tour those countries for fourteen days. The group has also received an invitation to perform in Japan, for which financing is currently being sought.

The Orchestra has performed with internationally renowned bassist, Bertram Turetzky; virtuoso performer of the koto, Nanae Yoshimura; and commissioned and premiered new works for orchestra by Masataka Matsuo (of Tokyo), Richard Boulanger, Masao Honma (of Sendai, Japan), Jay Reise (class of '72), and Samuel Pellman, Professor of Music at Hamilton. Mr. Matsuo's work will be released in early 1996 on an OPUS ONE CD.

Admission to the concert is free. For further information, please call 859-4353.

1 *Friday*

6 pm Hillel Chanukah party. North Court.
7:30 pm Film: Jamon Jamon. Sponsored by the Foreign and Fine Film Society. Kirner-Johnson Auditorium.$

2 *Saturday*

6 pm Comedy Show. Fillius Events Barn, Beinecke Village.
8 pm Choreographers' Showcase. Minor Theater.
10 pm Film: Jamon Jamon. Sponsored by the Foreign and Fine Film Society. Kirner-Johnson Auditorium.$

3 *Sunday*

11:30 am AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) Open Meeting. Fisher Room, Bristol Campus Center.
1 pm Newman Mass. Father John Croghan. Chapel.
7 pm Folk Christmas Concert. Sponsored by Chaplaincy. Fillius Events Barn.
7:30 pm Film: Jamon Jamon. Sponsored by the Foreign and Fine Film Society. Kirner-Johnson Auditorium.$

4 *Monday*

10 am - 11 am Conversations with President Gene Tobin. Beinecke Village.
6 pm Japanese Table. Room 242, Kirner - Johnson.
9 pm GLBSA Meeting. Keehn, Second Floor Lounge.

5 *Tuesday*

noon Newman Mass. Father John Croghan. Chapel.
noon Spanish Table (La Mesa Española). Commons Balcony.
4:10 pm Faculty Meeting. Dwight Lounge, Bristol Campus Center.
5:30 pm Chinese Table. Room 107, Kirner-Johnson Building.
7 pm Women's Basketball. William Smith at Hamilton.
7 pm Men's Basketball. Hamilton at Union.
7 pm SHARP Meeting. Browsing Room, Christian A. Johnson Hall.
8 pm Hamilton College Orchestra. Wellin Hall, Schambach Center.
8 pm AAUP Journal Club Lecture. "A Study of the Anatomy, Physiology and Psychophysics of Aging in a Sensory System." George Gescheider, Psychology. Assembly Room, Bristol Campus Center.

6 *Wednesday*

TBA Al Ham Players Production. Fillius Events Barn, Beinecke Village.
4 pm Men's Squash. Rochester at Hamilton.
7 pm Campus Activities Board Meeting. Bristol Campus Center Basement.
7 pm ACS (Asian Cultural Society)Meeting. Khirt Cheng 1344. Afro-Latin Cultural Center.

7 *Thursday*

noon Newman Mass. Father John Croghan. Chapel.
7 pm HEAG (Hamilton Environmental Action Group) Meeting. Blue Pit, Kirner-Johnson Building.
8 pm MAHAS. "I Musici." Wellin Hall, Schambach Center.$
8pm Al Ham Players Production. The Zoo Story. Fillius Events Barn, Beinecke Village.

8 *Friday*

Last Day of Classes
Board of Trustees Meeting
noon Newman Mass. Father John Croghan. Chapel.
noon German Table. Azel Backus House.
6 pm Women's Basketball. St. Lawrence at Hamilton.
7 pm Swimming & Diving. Hartwick at Hamilton.
7:30 pm Film: Brave Heart. Sponsored by the Samuel Kirkland Film Society. Kirner-Johnson Auditorium.$
8 pm Men's Basketball. St. Lawrence at Hamilton.
8 pm Directing Class, one-acts. Minor Theater.
8 pm Al Ham Players Production. Zoo Story. Fillius Events Barn, Beinecke Village.

MOVIES

The following area movie schedules are for the week of December 1-7.

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(not all matinees are listed)

White Man's Burden	*7:10, 9:35*	*Money Train*	*6:40, 9:25*
		Nick of Time	*7:05, 9:15*
Toy Story	*8:40, 10:35*	*The American President*	
Casino	*7:30*		*6:45, 9:30*
Ace Ventura	*7:15, 9:45*	*It Takes Two*	*7:25*
Goldeneye	*7:00, 9:55*	*Get Shorty*	*9:40*

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26 Blackbird
27 He's living on the edge
28 Borders
31 Fleming and Ziering
32 Use plastic
33 Breakfast duo
37 Haunch
38 Portrayer of Big Daddy
39 Some saxophones
40 They're open for public display
43 Reggae's cousin
44 Settles
45 Joy: Sp.
49 "Me and Bobby McGee" writer
51 Product made by bees
53 Stage statuary
54 Author Morrison
55 Big Band leader Skinnay
56 Effortless victory
57 *"Chacun __ goût"*
58 Feet
59 The Red and the Black
60 See

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8 Native nations
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35 Charlatan
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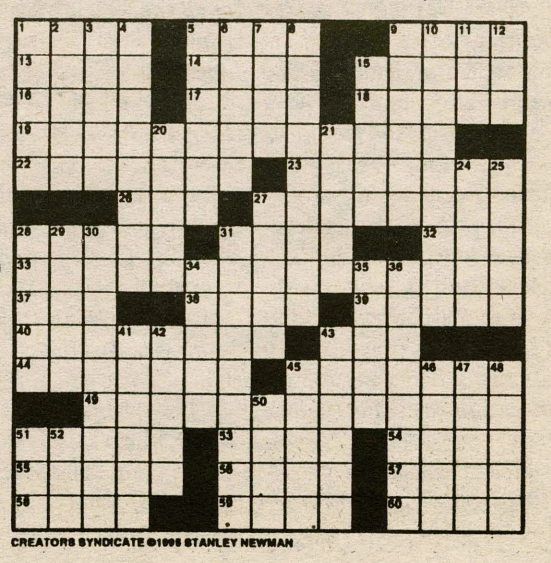

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The Hamilton Athlete of the Week

—COMPILED BY SPECTATOR SPORTS

Joe Mrozienski '96

STATISTICS:

--recorded 1,000th career point in defeat of Hobart

Joe Mrozienski scored 14 points in the Continentals 90-75 victory over Hobart. Mrozienski is off to a great start with the recording of his 1,000 career point and being mentioned in various sports publications as a pre-season All-American. In the 1994-95 season, Mrozienski averaged 18.7 points and 11.9 rebounds per game. Congratulations, Joe! You are the *Hamilton Athlete of the Week!*

PEAK PERFORMER

Karen Werkhoven

Karen Werkhoven '96 received three post-season honors for excellent play as attacker on the women's field hockey team: first team UCAA, first team NYSWCAA, and second team CFHCA for the North Atlantic conference. Congrats, Karen! You are the peak performer.

Women's basketball win three of their first four

BY DAMON LOPEZ O'DWYER '98
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

This year's women's basketball team has started the season on a positive note, winning three of their first four games, but coach Don Crist is still holding off on the superlatives. "These next five games are a reality check," explains Crist. "Our wins so far have been against slightly weaker teams." This is not to take away from what the women have accomplished thus far. The team has truly played like a team, with no one person doing it alone. Scoring for the run and gun Continentals has been spread around evenly, with good contributions coming from both the starters and the bench. Liz Sadler '99 and Sarah Johnstone '99 have been a great help coming off the bench, and both Beth Petrusa '96 and Jenn Moran '99 have scored in double figures every game.

In their season opener, Hamilton lost to Brockport 77-73 in the opening round of the Franklin & Marshall Tournament. Kim Herrig '98 led the scoring attack with 18 points, while Ashley Merriman '98 poured in 14 points and added 7 rebounds. In the consolation game, the Continentals defeated Jersey City State, 72-34. Beth Petrusa '96 scored 15 point and Jenn Moran added 13 points for the second consecutive game. Moran and Petrusa were named to the all-tournament team.

The key to success for the undersized Continentals is in their full court press. Coach Crist acknowledges that the team is going to lose the size battle virtually every time they step on the floor, but if the women can use their quickness, they can turn a slight disadvantage into a favorable situation. The Continentals play a fast paced brand of basketball that depends on their ability to apply pressure and force turnovers which translate into points—points that the women are really going to need in their next stretch of games. Utica and Union are the next two hurdles before the team returns home for three against William Smith on Tuesday, St. Lawrence on December 8, and Clarkson on the ninth.

Coach Crist is happy with what he is seeing from his team. The attitude and intensity on the squad is good, and he hopes that it will help lead the team to a play-off birth at the end of the season. "By the end of the semester, we will have a good idea about our play-off chances," says Crist referring to the outcomes of the next five games. If the team can stay healthy, there is plenty of reason to believe that they can get the job done. Right now the team is slightly banged up, with sophomore center Ashley Merriman out with a sprained ankle. Due to the injury, she will see limited action this weekend, but with luck, she will be back in full action soon.

The Continentals are working hard this season, and so far it is paying off. Don't miss the opportunity to support them in their upcoming home games—their up-tempo style basketball is truly exciting to watch.

Swimming prepares for UCAA Championships

BY RUSS ZACEK '97
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

The men's and women's swim teams are preparing for another exciting season. The women are coming off of a great year in which they won the state tournament and sent several outstanding swimmers to the national swim meet. The men's team also had a very solid year and are gearing up for another strong season.

The Continentals competed in a scrimmage against Clarkson and St. Lawrence this past Saturday. Matt Swenson '97 said that everyone is swimming very fast for this time of year and that they did well against their opponents although the score was not kept. Coach Thompson said that the meet was a promising performance for both the men's and women's teams. Thompson said that he was satisfied with the performance on Saturday especially considering that the team has had only two weeks of practices. Swenson states, "We are swimming fast for this time of year. We are just focusing on swimming fast."

The team looks to be shaping up well for this year, but there are some areas that the team is working on. Coach Thompson wants to build team unity so that the team can pull together. He would like the team to push and support each other. He wants the team to become better competitors.

The team has to make up for the loss of some good seniors who were qualifying swimmers, but it looks optimistic and "very promising" says Thomson. "We have an exciting young group and it looks optimistic if we can come together as a team. We have enough talent." Much of the work of bringing the team together will rest on the shoulders of the team captains. The captains for the men's team are Judd Taylor '97 and Dan Glass '96 and for the women's team Liz Sichol '96 and Lynn Seypark '96.

Some of the goals for the team from Coach Thompson's point of view are that everyone on the team can achieve their personal all time best times. If everyone on the team achieves their personal best then the team will be highly ranked and very competitive in the league. Coach Thompson was very wary of setting any auspicious goals when asked if the team is looking to win states. "It's a kiss of death" he said to set high goals. "We would like to do as well as possible, but we've got a ton of work to do before making any predictions."

The swim team is working very hard to prepare for some upcoming events. This weekend the Continentals prepares for the UCAA champinonship meet at Union College. On Friday December 8th at 7 pm, the swim team host a home meet against Hartwick .

Begg leads women's hockey in bid for varsity status

BY JASON SANTARCANGELO '98
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

With two weeks of practice and two scrimmages under their belt, the women's ice hockey team is ready to begin their season. If all goes as planned, the team will gain varsity status next year. The school would provide a full time coach, Kelley McElroy, and if commitment to the team continued they would be granted varsity status for the 1996-97 season.

The team began this season against the Ithaca Midgets and tied 4-4. Captain Sara Begg '97 and Amy Williams '99 each netted two goals for the Continentals. In their second scrimmage, the team lost to the Syracuse Warriors 7-3, a team that defeated them last year 13-0. According to McElroy, "The game against Syracuse showed we are improving."

The team will be looking to achieve a .500 record andqualify for the ECAC tournament. The top four teams in the eleven team league will see post season action. The ECAC alliance is comprised of both varsity and club teams and is expected to see four more teams added in the next year.

"The team will look to score some goals, reduce the number scored on them but most importantly continue to work on the fundamentals," according to McElroy. Some players to watch over the season in addition to Williams, Powers and Begg will be Abby Barbieri '99, Allison Fox '99, and Caroline Charleston '99.

In their first home game of the season, the Continentials lived up to their expectations in front of the crowd at the Sage Rink. They managed to score the first two goals of the game against the Colgate Red Raiders, and add an insurance goal for a 3-2 victory. Leading the attack was Begg who scored the first goal of the game at 2:26 of the first period on an assist from Ridder. "Getting the first goal really got the team going," commented McElroy. The next Hamilton goal came with four minutes remaining in the first period. Williams scored after Norris set her up. Hamilton took the 2-0 lead into the locker room. Colgate would get the first goal of the second to cut the Continental lead in half. Begg responded netting her second goal of the game, with an assist from Williams. Colgate cut into Hamilton's lead one final time before the second period ended. Kate Masi '98 shut the door for the final period with 24 saves.

In their first road trip of the season, the Continentals split a pair, beating Amherst 6-0 and losing to Williams 4-0. In the loss against Williams Applegate made 35 saves. In the victory against Amherst, Begg again led the team scoring four goals. Charlston scored a goal and added an assist, Kendra Romagnola '98 added a goal while Williams added two assists. Norris, Ridder, and Barbieri each notched an assist in the victory.

Begg leads the team in scoring (6-0-6). She is followed by Williams (1-3-4). Three players, Charleston (1-1-2), Norris (0-2-2), and Ridder (0-2-2) are all tied with two points apiece. After the teams quick (2-1) start, McElory commented, "The team is in good shape. We have yet to be caught on line changes and our passing is constantly improving. We are playing as a team, winning the little battles." Saturday the Ladies face-off at 3pm against RIT at Sage Rink. They face RPI Sunday at noon in the Sage.

Men's hockey struggles early

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aggressive shorthanded box strategy, which left the crease area open.

Twice Brook made the initial save on a Colby forward walking out from behind the net, and twice that player whacked home the rebound before a defenseman reacted. The Continentals showed resilience by tying the contest early in the third period on goals by Jim Ford '98 and Darren Johnston '99. Colby killed the Continental rally by scoring two quick goals to regain their two goal cushion. With under 2:00 left, Coach Phil Grady pulled Kendall Brook for an extra attacker, and Sean Brady took advantage, scoring his second goal of the season. The team couldn't muster any last minute heroics, however, and were saddled with their first loss.

In a sparsely attended contest last Tuesday, the Continentals fell by one goal again, this time to the Red Dragons of Cortland State, 3-2. Hamilton jumped out to a 2-0 lead on goals by Dave Webb '98, and Jeff Bradley '97, but couldn't hold on. Cortland netted two third period goals, and scored in overtime after a defensive zone turnover by Heenan led to a Red Dragon 2-0 breakaway.

The team is away this weekend against North Adams S ate and Amherst.

This Week in Hamilton Sports

Sport	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.
Men's Basketball		Washington (MO) Tournament 6:00 p.m.				Union 7:00 p.m.	
Women's Basketball	Utica 7:00 p.m.	Union 7:00 p.m.				William Smith 7:00 p.m.	
Men's Hockey	N. Adams 7:30 p.m.	Amherst 3:00 p.m.					
Swimming & Diving	UCAA Championships @ Union TBA						
Men's Squash							Rochester 4:00 p.m.
Women's Squash	Wesleyan Tournament TBA						
Track & Field		Cornell Relays 11:00 a.m.					

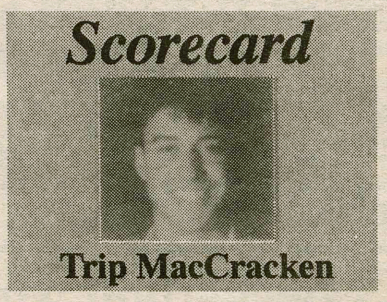
Indicates Home Game

Indicates Away Game

Michigan upsets Ohio State

George's Heisman chances diminish

In the NBA: After starting 3-9, the Milwaukee Bucks shook things up this week, trading for guard Sherman Douglas and center Benoit Benjamin. Douglas replaces Lee Mayberry, who had averaged 8.7 points and 4.1 assists. The acquisition of Benjamin allows Vin Baker to play power forward and Glenn Robinson to play small forward. The Bucks had been playing out of position, and had been outrebounded, outscored, and outshot as a result. Furthermore, the Bucks unloaded some excess baggage in Todd Day, Alton Lister, Eric Mobley, and Eric Murdock, none of whom was contributing significantly this season... Chris Webber returned to the Bullets this week, after missing the first 11 games of the season, in which Washington went 5-6. Webber has yet to live up to his potential due to a combination of injuries and personality conflicts, most notably with former coach Don Nelson. It's hard to believe that Orlando was criticized when Webber was traded to Golden State for Penny Hardaway, since Hardaway has become the glue that holds the Magic together... After starting every game and playing 146 minutes, New Jersey's Yinka Dare had zero assists...



In NCAA basketball: UCLA has struggled off the bat, losing two of their first three. It's not all that surprising, though, when you hear the Bruins' attitude about this season. After being pushed last year by seniors Ed O'Bannon and Tyus Edney, the young Bruins are enjoying their freedom. Guard Toby Bailey, who emerged last year during March Madness, says in *Sports Illustrated*, "The only thing that was fun about last year was the winning. It was like getting scolded, like getting yelled at. This year we're looser. It's more fun." Toby, it's called complacency, and from your team's start this year and your comments, it looks like you and the Bruins have it...

In the NFL: The past few weeks, Pittsburgh's Kordell Stewart has made great catches, great throws, and great runs on the option. So, why did it take the Steelers so long to get Stewart into their offense?... You know the Eagles are hard up for receivers when they sign Art Monk. Monk hasn't even put on pads since last December, and more importantly, he's 37 years old. Monk still has his streak of 180 consecutive games with at least one reception, which he will try to extend this weekend.. Pittsburgh's Rod Woodson has not given up hope of returning by the playoffs. The Steelers, who have rebounded from a rough start to take command of the AFC Central, could use the veteran in the playoffs, as their secondary has been suspect... Chris Warren passed the 1,000 yard rushing mark for a Seahawk-record fourth consecutive year... It's usually a bad sign when a team's free safety makes 17 tackles, as did Washington's Stanley Richard Sunday against Philadelphia... New England is 5-0 when Curtis Martin rushes for 100 yards, and 0-7 when he doesn't...

In NCAA football: To say that Ohio State came out flat against Michigan would certainly be an understatement. But to attribute the loss to Ohio State's lack of intensity would be missing the point. Michigan's game plan was simply better than Ohio State's, and Michigan coach Lloyd Carr outcoached John Cooper. Tim Biakabutuka, fatigued though he was, carried the Michigan offense on his back, and the Michigan defensive line made Ohio State's massive front five look like processed Swiss... Of course, as a result of the Michigan upset, Eddie George's Heisman chances slipped away with his team's national championship hopes. And, with Nebraska's Tommie Frazier having a so-so day in an easy win over Oklahoma, Florida's Danny Wuerrfel joined the race after throwing four touchdowns against Florida State. My money stays with Frazier, even though Wuerrfel has another game this weekend, as the Gators take on Arkansas in the SEC Championship...

In the NHL: New York Islanders center Kirk Muller has been asked to report to the team this week. Muller has asked to be traded and has been working out on his own in California. Now, the Islanders are looking to deal him, but they want to make sure he's in shape first... Pittsburgh's Mario Lemieux has decided to scrap his original plan of not playing in back-to-back games... Goalie Dominik Hasek tied a Buffalo record with his 14th shutout as a Sabre...

In Baseball: New GM Pat Gillick will have the Orioles in the playoffs this year. The talent on that club has always been underused, and Gillick will make the one or two key moves to take Baltimore to the next level. Gillick has already spoken to free agent Paul Molitor about joining the O's. Molitor and Gillick were both with Toronto when the Blue Jays won the 1993 World Series... Rumor has it that free agent Don Mattingly will wind up with the Cubs or the Twins next year, but Mattingly himself isn't revealing his plans. In fact, Mattingly seems to be unsure as to whether he'll play at all next year...

Quotables: Montreal goalie Patrick Roy commented on the rivalry his club once had with Quebec, which has lost its luster since the club moved to Denver: "I knew it was over once the national anthem started and they played two songs instead of one."... And finally, Tennessee basketball coach Kevin O'Neill explains why benching a player can be used as a teaching tool: "It's amazing how quickly a message can travel from the right buttock to the lower base of the brain."

Beat the "Experts"

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expense paid dinner with our one and only celebrity Sports Editor, Samuel M. Walker, as well as their picture in *The Spectator*.

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NFL					
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Atlanta at Miami 12/3	Miami	Miami	Atlanta	Miami	Atlanta
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My Two Cents

Grades first, sports follow

By Samuel M. Walker '96
SPORTS EDITOR

For the third time in as many columns, I find it is necessary to discuss the "citrus bowl". I give the fans a 9.3 out of 10 for their conduct at the November 17th game versus Bowdoin. The crowd was large, spirited, and most of all, in control. When we scored goal number one, we threw oranges and only oranges, tossing the perfect amount to keep the tradition alive and well. However, I deduct the 7/10 of a point because of the few idiots who threw oranges the second time we scored. This cost us a second two minute penalty, and infuriated not only me, but some of our own Hamilton hockey players as well. I was pleased, however, to see a large portion of the crowd stay until the very end.

It's still a mystery to me why over 200 students were told by security that they couldn't enter the Sage during the first period. Security told me there wasn't enough room in the rink. Baloney. The truth is the big wigs of this esteemed institution didn't want more students to enjoy the game and toss oranges. If Hamilton can claim there is adequate room in Dunham for its current residents, then the whole damn town of Clinton could fit in the Sage with room to spare.

For next year's "citrus bowl", I have a suggestion. Instead of making Teddy and the rest of the maintenance staff pick up the oranges, I suggest we have a group of students who are in charge of picking up the oranges. They should dress in orange. This will add a little more spirit to the event.

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The other day I was browsing through *USA Today* when I came across an interesting tidbit, the Sears Directors' Cup Standings. This is a year long competition among Division III schools to see who has the best all around athletic programs. Williams currently is in first place. Having won national titles in men's cross country and men's soccer, and placing fifth in field hockey, eighth in women's cross-country, and ninth in women's soccer, Williams has a commanding lead over second place Trenton State. Two other NESCAC foes, Bowdoin and Amherst are ranked in the top fifteen. The Polar Bears are in sixth, while the Lord Jeffs stand in 14th place. Hamilton, with a 21st ranking in women's cross country is ranked 65th out of the more than 300 Division III schools. It says a great deal that the three best academic schools in the NESCAC have the best athletic programs. I wholeheartedly believe there is a correlation between academics and athletics in small liberal arts schools. Simply put, these schools have more of a commitment to athletic excellence than we do. Yet, how do they maintain great academics and athletics? Because they are such great schools, year in and year out they attract a great number of highly qualified applicants, and thus, they have the luxury of accepting a few unbelievable athletes who have well below the normal academic credentials for admissions. Hamilton does not have this luxury. Our mean SAT scores are below these schools, and we can't afford to accept students who don't come close to meeting our standards. So what is the solution? First and foremost, we need to improve our academic standards, which is by no means an easy task. When we improve our requirements, we will have the opportunity to bring in exceptional athletes without seriously bringing down our academic standards. If we were to open our doors to all athletes now, however, we would lose out academically, a.k.a Hobart or Skidmore. In five years, it is quite possible that Hamilton will dominate Division III athletics and be a top contender for the Sears Cup. This athletic improvement can only happen if serious academic changes are made.

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Hamilton has some very famous graduates who have excelled. Whether it be Drew Days '63 in government, B.F. Skinner '26 in psychology, or Ezra Pound '05 in poetry, Hamilton graduates have made their mark on society. But did you know that Hamilton has several noteworthy graduates in the world of sports? The following six graduates have had a serious impact in the sportsworld.

1. **Mason Ashe '85-** Ashe is a sports agent who works for the International Management Group in Washington, D.C. His office represents such notable athletes as Chris Webber.

2. **Pete Fischer '63**- Fischer was Pete Sampras' first tennis coach. Sampras gives him credit for making him into the player he is today.

3. **Guy Hebert '89-** Hebert is the starting goalie for the Anaheim Mighty Ducks. His famous ESPN commercial gained him great notoriety.

4. **Neil Pilson '60-** Pilson is the former President of CBS Sports. He is credited with the vision of marketing and televising March Madness.

5. **Bill Smith '80-** Smith is the Assistant General Manager of the Minnesota Twins. At 36 years of age, Smith is one of the promising minds in all of baseball.

6. **Steve Wulf '72**- Wulf is a senior writer for *Sports Illustrated*. He also writes sports articles for *Time Magazine*, and is a very influential man in sports journalism.

The question I have is: Who will make a dent quicker in the sportsworld? Trip "Future General Manager" MacCracken or Sam "Leigh Steinberg" Walker? I think we all know who takes the cake here!!!!

Squash team led by new coach

By Megan Rich '99
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

With only two returning players, the Hamilton women's squash team is a young team with a lot of promise. The team is led by first year coach Rebecca Siegel, a 1995 graduate of Smith college and Captain Pepper Johnson '96. The team is comprised of one senior, one junior, and seven freshman. The team began practicing on November 1 and has been drilling and working on fitness, in order to get the team in shape for the upcoming tournaments.

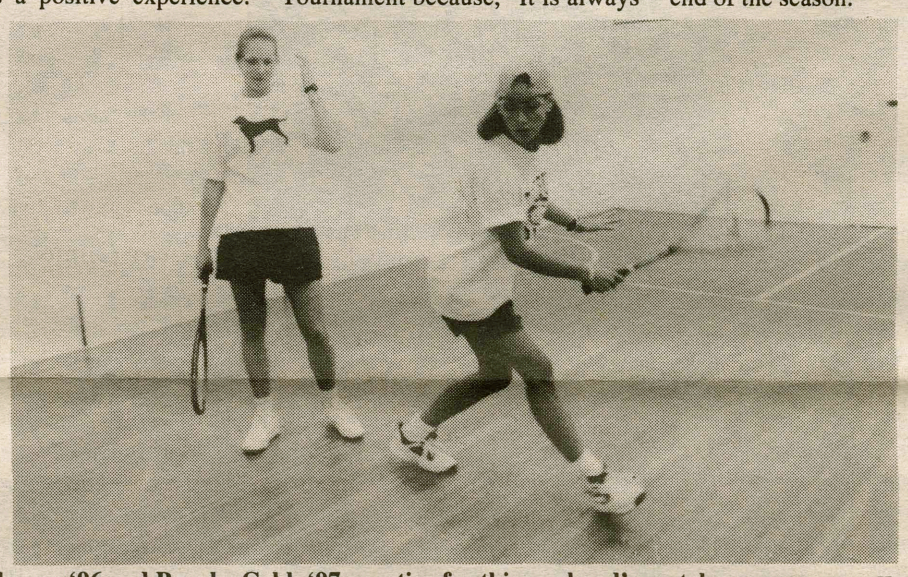
The team had their first tournament of the season on Saturday, November 18 against Colgate University and Bard College. The tournament marked the first time that many of the team members had played in a competitive squash tournament. The Continentals came away with a 1-1 record beatinghaving beaten Bard College by ascore of 6-3 and falling to Colgate University 7-2. Coach Siegel believes that the match was a positive experience. "For the majority of people it was the first match they had ever been to and it helped to get the nervousness out of their systems." She commented.

Siegel also credits Johnson and Liz Brecht '99 as putting in solid performances. Johnson beat both her opponents 3 games to zero, and Brecht beat her opponents, 3-0, 3-1. Siegal noted that Johnson, whoholds the number one spot for the third consecutive year, and is playing great squash. She just steamrolled her opponents." Liz Brecht played at the #4 position, and is described by Siegel as a "smart player who played really well at the match."

This Friday and Saturday the team travels to Wesleyan University for their next tournament. The team will face Mount Holyoke College, Wesleyan University, Bates College, Haverford College and Wellesley College. The tournament is the last that the team will compete in the winter break. Coach Siegel is looking forward to the Wesleyan Tournament because, "It is always a lot of fun and a lot of cameraderie. The tournament will be a chance for the hard work the team has been putting in, to pay off."

Even though the team is young and inexperienced, Siegel sees the upcoming season as an exciting one. "We have the opportunity to mold everyone, and have seen a big improvement in the past month. If the seven freshman keep playing and improving then we will have an even stronger team by their senior year," she said. "Even though some experience would be nice, everyone is working really hard and improving."

Among her goals for this season, Siegel sees the season as two halves; before December break and after. Until December, Siegel will be working on fine-tuning the team. But after break, during the bulk of the season, the team will be working more on strategy and developing plays, to get ready for Nationals. Siegel hopes that everyone will be able to play competitive matches and will gain a lot of experience by the end of the season.



Pepper Johnson '96 and Brooke Cobb '97 practice for this weekend's match. PHOTO BY KATE VAIL '96

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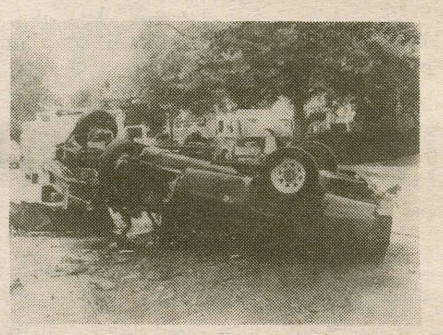

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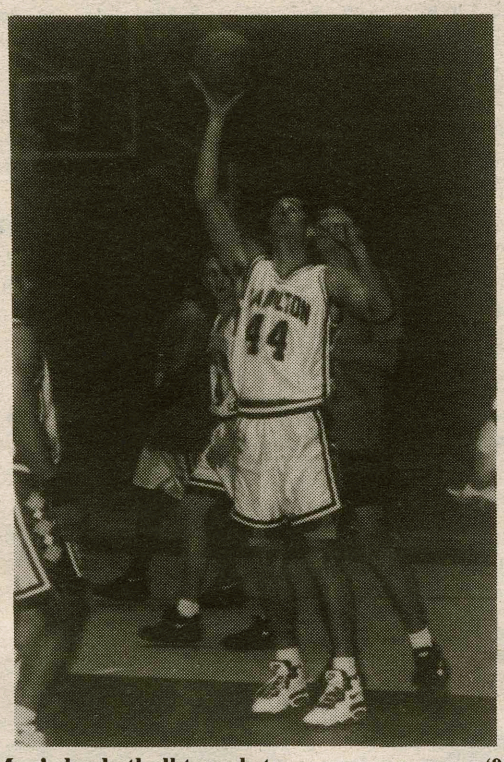
Schantz paces Hamilton over Hobart

Mrozienski scores his 1000th point

By Greg Nussbaum '98
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

The Continentals opened their 1995 season Tuesday night against Hobart with an impressive 90-75 victory. This was the 115th meeting versus the Statesman, a rivalry which dates back to Teddy Roosevelt's administration in 1904.

Hamilton entered the game ranked 18th by Sports Illustrated and 21st by Dick Vitale. Hobart came into Margaret Bundy Scott fieldhoue 0-1, although competitive against division I Army in a 88-67 loss. Despite the fieldhose at about half capacity(attendance: 1057), the Delta Upsilon contingency showed their loyalty to Hamilton hoops, continuously cheering for the Continentals while relentlessly jeering at the Hobart players in their traditional post in the bleachers behind the near hoop. The reported sighting of Santa Claus in the fieldhouse was a sign that Christmas was to come early for the Continentals.



Men's basketball travels to Washington U. this weekend. PHOTO BY KATE VAIL '96

Amidst chants of "Hobart sucks", the Statesman set the pace early in the first half, taking leads of 17-12 and 20-15. However, as he Continentals found their rhythm, the Statesman could do little more than sit back and ponder a 40-29 halftime deficit. Hamilton's tenacious defense eventually halted Hobart's perimeter game. After a scorching beginning, Hobart only shot a dismal 31.6% (12-38) while Hamilton shot an even 50%(18-36).

The Statesman defense was exploited by the prolific Hamilton offense. Early in the first half, Joe Mrozienski '96 etched his name in Continental history by becoming the 23rd player in school history to score 1000 points. Throughout the game the All-American hopeful fought through pesky double teams to score 14 points, shooting seven often from the field. The 6'4" big man pulled down a team high 10 rebounds and 5 blocks. Mrozienski, a model of endurance, sat out only three minutes the entire game.

Point guard Scott Pace '96, coming off an ankle injury, guided Hamilton's offense like a general, scoring 16 points and dishing out a team high 7 assists. In addition to Pace, four other players received time in the backcourt, with the majority going to Kevin Thorpe '98 (6 points, two blocks in 28 minutes) and Bill Newman(8 points in 12 minutes)

Hamilton's forwards were outstanding, the combination of Al Lewis '96, Kevin Larson '97, and Mike Schantz '99 opened some eyes scoring a team high 20 points in his first appearance in a Continental uniform. Schantz exhibited not only frontcourt skills, but a nice touch by nailing a pair of three pointers. Lewis was a force underneath, collecting 13 points and 5 rebounds. Kevin Larson hit three trays, finishing with 11 points.

J.J Raedts '98 joined in on the scoring barage by scoring the first layup of his varsity career.

Not only did the Continentals abuse Hobart's morale, they obliterated them statistically. The Continentals shot 54.7% from the field (35-64). The Continentals doubled Hobart in three pointers made(10-5) while holding the beleaguered statesman to 43.5% shooting (30-69). Despite commiting 10 turnovers, Hobart's center Eric Nelson had a game high 26 points.

The Continentals travel to the great midwest to participate in the Washington University in St. Louis Missouri this Friday. The tournament features M.I.T. and C.I.T. After a trip to Schenectady to face Union on the 5th, Hamilton's next home date is December 9th against St. Lawrence.

Women's cross country finishes 21st at NCAA championship

Michels and Koch break 19 minute mark

By Brian C. Cohen '96
SPORTS EDITOR

On November 18, the women's cross country team made history when they competed in the NCAA Divsion III Cross Country Championships. They are the first Hamilton cross country team to ever compete for the NCAA Championships. Hosted by the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in West Salem, Wisconsin, the competition pitted the nation's top 21 cross country teams. The 5,000 meter course was on the site of the Maple Grove Country Club. The course was relatively flat with a small hill. The tempature reached a high of only 30 degrees but the cold air kept the ground hard which gave the runners firm footing. The excitement of competing in the Championships would only leave a bittersweet taste in the Continentals' mouths. The Continentals could only muster a 21st place finish with 463 points despite some excellent individual performances.

"It's like getting knocked out of the first round of the NCAA Basketball Tournament," rationalized Coach Brett Hull who substituted for Coach Ellen Hull. "The team had a great season and definitely earned the right to go. Unfortunately, the results did not turn out more favorably."

Regional rival, SUNY Cortland, won the competition with an impressively low score of 46 points. Among the competing NESCAC schools, Williams College finished in eighth place with 239 points led by the meet's top runner Jessica Caley in 17:24.5. Bowdoin College and Bates College also finished ahead of Hamilton in 12th and 18th place, respectively.

Although the team performance was not stellar, many Continentals did run individual best times. Cathy Michels '96 and Tami Koch '96, powerhouses for the team all season, completed their fine careers with exceptional performances. Out of 145 runners, Michels finished in 49th place with a time of 18.57.9. Koch followed close behind Michels in 51st place with a time of 18.59.3. Veronica Bufalini '98 also had a strong performance with a 93rd place finish and an impressive time of 19:26.9.

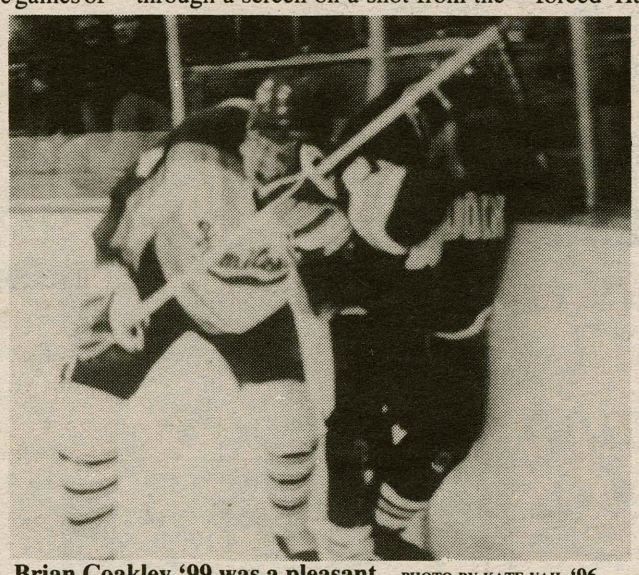
The Continentals' remaining four runners finished grouped at the end, however their times were more than respectable among the elite of Division III cross country. Jennifer Wilcox '98 finished in 134th place in 20:22.4. Kate Dalke '98 and Giada Bufalini '98 crossed the finish line together. Dalke finished in 136th place with a time of 20:28.2. Two seconds later, Bufalini took 137th place. Adrianne Levin '96 rounded out the Hamilton squad and her career with a 139th place finish in 20:38.9.

The Continentals enjoyed an exceptional season and easily outshone the other Hamilton sports teams. The season began with an undefeated 7-0 mark in dual meets and finished with an historical 21st place finish in the NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships. The cross country team will be graduating three seniors this year but the four sophomores who competed in Wisconsin will be able to share their NCAA Championship experience to any newcomers next year. "They gained an extremely valuable experience," commented Coach Hull. "If we could run the course again it could prove to be a different story."

Ice hockey off to slow 0-2-1 start

By Rick Pizzo '96
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

For a team with playoff ambitions, the Hamilton Continental ice hockey squad got off to an inauspicious start in their first three games of the season. The talented group gained only one point in the standings while posting an 0-2-1 record against Bowd oin, Colby, and Cortland State. The rough beginning was caused by hot goaltending from Colby and Cortland netminders, and a lack of toughness, both offensively and defensively, in front of the net.



Brian Coakley '99 was a pleasant surprise for the hockey team. PHOTO BY KATE VAIL '96

The Sage Rink was at full capacity on Friday, November 17 as the Bowdoin Polar Bears came in for the Continental's season opener. Bowdoin showed that they weren't intimidated as they scored first, with Kevin Zifcak tipping a point shot past starting goalie Kendall Brook '96.

Hamilton answered as Sean Brady '96 scored the second "orange" goal of his career, wristing a pinpoint shot from a sharp angle into the far corner to tie the game at 1-1. The teams then traded goals before the first intermission, with Gary Heenan '97 scoring through a screen on a shot from the point. Most of the Continental's shots in the contest came from outside, but the team's forwards did not create enough screens to allow Hamilton to take advantage of their edge in shots.

The second period was marred by penalties, as a large portion of the 19 infractions called in the game were whistled in the middle frame. Bowdoin took their third lead of the game early in the third period, and forced Hamilton to pay catch-up. With under 10:00 to play, Brian Coakley '99 took a nifty pass from Joe Zona '97 and buried the biscuit to tie the game at 3-3. The extra period was played mostly in the neutral zone, as neither team wanted to make an overtime mistake, and the contest ended deadlocked.

The home team was not as lucky the next afternoon as the Colby White Mules took full advantage of a sluggish Continental start to escape with a 4-3 win. Colby jumped out quickly to a 2-0 lead on two power play goals in the first ten minutes of the game. The tallies were mirror images of each other, as the Mules exploited Hamilton's

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